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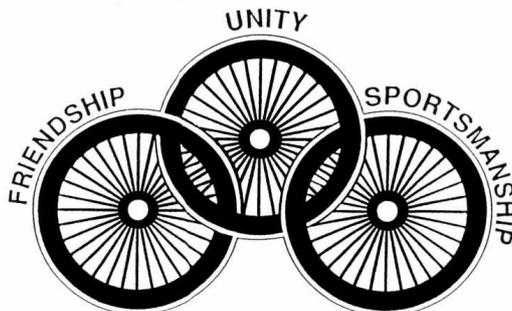
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ISMWSF

2000/2001 ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the ISMWSF Executive Committee, I present to this General Assembly of Nations the 2000/2001 Annual Report for your approval and endorsement.

Paul DePace
Vice President/Acting President

PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Paul M. DePace/Bob McCullough

Following the IPC General Assembly in Athens, Bob McCullough resigned as President of ISMWSF and gave me the honour of serving as President as we begin the 50th year of International Wheelchair Sports.

As I had decided not to stand as a candidate for election, my goal for the next four months was to assist the Executive Management Committee and the Secretariat in maintaining operations of the organisation until the nations had an opportunity to elect a new Executive Committee. It is important for you to know that you have a hard working Secretariat which is dedicated to serving the athletes.

While this short period did not present the time to advance new programmes, it gives me the opportunity to bring to your attention the hard work of our former President and make some observations to the nations and the new Executive for the upcoming Quadrennium.

It is important for you all to read the two papers by our former President which are included here, The Future of Wheelchair Sport and The New Organization for the Physically Disabled, Where to From Here? written prior to the IPC General Assembly. Bob was fortunate to have access to the reports and writings of colleagues on the IPC Executive, the motions which were to be debated at the IPC Assembly in Athens, and to have participated in the IPC Strategic Planning Conference in Kuala Lumpur. These papers define the issues ahead of present creditable recommendations and a course of action for the future for ISMWSF, the IOSDs and IPC

It is clear that sport for persons with disability has come a long way since its beginnings fifty years ago at Stoke Mandeville. The Paralympic Games have achieved a significant level of success in terms of public recognition. This success is enhanced by the agreement between the IOC and the IPC, which in 2008 provides the same benefits to the nations' Paralympic athletes in the Paralympic Games as those, which are accorded Olympic athletes for the Olympic Games. While this is certainly a great achievement, the task ahead of us now is to maintain the quality of the Paralympic Games by ensuring greater participation through the development of all athletes with a disability throughout the world.

Whilst there has been extensive effort expended in the quest of gaining recognition of the Paralympic Games, the lack of progress in the area of development could jeopardize the future of disabled sport and the Paralympic movement.

It is clear that the efforts of the leadership and all others who worked so hard to bring sport this far, now need to focus their attention on bringing sport to the developing countries. There is a role for all persons dedicated to sport in developing the organisation which can best make this happen. I believe that a single organisation serving the physically disabled athlete, working in partnership with the IPC, would present the best approach to accomplishing this.

I look forward to seeing representatives from all member nations at the General Assembly in Paris and bringing you a further report from the Winter Paralympic Games and IPC Executive Meetings in Salt Lake City

Respectfully submitted
Paul M. DePace

THE FUTURE OF WHEELCHAIR SPORT

Introduction

It is timely to reflect and examine the future of Wheelchair Sport, or more appropriately the future of sport at a national and international level for people with a disability, as next year (2002) we celebrate 50 years of Wheelchair Sport. In the fifty years since its humble beginnings at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital in England, sport for all disabilities has spread to over two hundred countries throughout the world and we have reached new horizons in elite sport through the Paralympic Games and World Championships.

Some of the most significant advances in recent years include the successful Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia and the signing of an agreement between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) on 19 June 2001. The Sydney Paralympic Games, as many of you will know brought the event into a new era with virtually every organisational element being completed with great efficiency. Perhaps the greatest achievements were the strong support from the public, through ticket sales, the television and internet coverage and the high performances from the athletes. It certainly set the scene for the future and brought forward to the Paralympic Movement a new set of issues and problems which will need to be attended to. The agreement with the IOC, while bringing about a new level of professionalism and the following highlights the advantages of the agreement along with those areas which the Paralympic Movement must attend to.

Advantages of IOC/IPC Agreement

- A full seven years for the preparation of the Paralympic Games.
- Full support of the host city and the Organising Committee Olympic Games (OCOG)
- A financial guarantee of viability for the Paralympic Games.
- Increased support for Paralympic athletes and team officials, through travel grants, the elimination of entry fees and free provision of accommodation and ground transport.
- Increased support for technical officials, through free travel, accommodation and ground transport.
- Support for the administration of the IPC.
- A common marketing approach for Paralympic Games.

Issues which must be Attended to by Paralympic Movement & IOSDs

Reduction of Paralympic Events

The IOC/IPC Agreement calls for a reduction of events in the Summer Paralympic Program from its present level of 550 to 450 and the IPC recognises that whatever the adjustment to the program, the events for women and the severely disabled must be protected. It is also recognised that the reduction of events will come from the Athletics, Swimming and Table Tennis Programs. The implication of this reduction means the Paralympic Games will be only offering certain events in each of these sports. In doing so the Sports and the IOSDs must ensure that provision is made for all existing classifications from basic competition through to national and international competition. We must ensure that opportunities for all classes of

people with a disability to participate in sport remains in place and those events which, within each sport, are internationally competitive and can be part of the Paralympic Games Program.

Perhaps this requirement to reduce the number of events in the Paralympic Games brings home the realisation of the roles of the IPC, Sports and IOSDs as by only having events which are internationally competitive, we are in fact showcasing the Paralympic Games, just like the Olympics. However, participation at the grass roots level cannot just follow the events which are offered in the Paralympic Games, as by doing so we could deprive participation by many athletes. This aspect should be kept to the fore to ensure the future of sport for people with a disability and we all must realise the importance of ensuring that the structure for sport for people with a disability encompasses participation for all levels of performance. The international and national structures must ensure that sports are not just put in place to satisfy Paralympic Games requirements, but are in place to provide opportunities for people with a disability to participate in sport and recreation and to make their lives more satisfying and enjoyable.

Of course the reduction of events also brings pressures on the present sports on the IPC program and there is little doubt that just as some sports have disappeared over the past ten years (Lawn Bowls, Cue Sports and Standing Volleyball) there will be changes in the future as new and more suitable sports emerge.

Classification of Athletes

The agreement calls for the total elimination of classifying at Paralympic Games and only under very exceptional circumstances will any individual be classified. The IPC fully accepts this approach and realises it may present some problems, particularly when 'wild cards' are distributed. For the athletes this is a welcome move as it allows the athletes to focus on his or her sport and removes what is considered by many as a humiliating experience.

For the sports administrators and classifiers throughout the world, it means that we must look upon the classification of athletes as very much a national responsibility. Each country must now ensure that it has in place a system of accurately classifying athletes and to put in place a training scheme for the training of classifiers at national and international standard. It probably also means, particularly for the physically disabled, a new approach to classification with proper training materials, including manuals, videos and the establishing of a qualification and certification system. This is not to say that some systems are not in place, I believe there are, but they need to be formalised and the necessary funds made available.

This is yet another indicator of the progress of sport for people with a disability. No longer should we be depending on just voluntary assistance to put systems in place, but we must assist the volunteers with the necessary expertise and financial resources to put in place universal systems for the world to use. This also mean having the training materials available in different languages and updating when necessary.

Other Aspects

There are other aspects of the IOC/IPC agreement which further secure and enhance the Winter & Summer Paralympic Games. These aspects include a common Organising Committee for both Olympic and Paralympic Games and a joint approach to marketing.

Overall the agreement between the two organisations is a significant step in closer cooperation between the IOC and IPC and a closer link with the mainstream International Federations.

THE FUTURE

The advancement of the Paralympic Movement since the formation of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) in 1992, has been rapid, and in many ways has left gaps in the overall organisation and structure of sport for people with a disability. These gaps include the lack of a clearly defined role for the International Sports Organisations for the Disabled (IOSDs). Before the advent of IPC Sports the IOSDs were each responsible for a range of sports and now control only those which are specific to the disability.

With the exception of Wheelchair Tennis and Basketball, all other IPC Sports are administered on a voluntary role and their main function is the area of elite competition. Development of sports tends to happen rather than be structured, with the IPC, through the IOC, providing some limited financial resources. IOSDs, particularly ISMWSF, are operating under very limited financial resources to meet the demand for development of both sports and developing countries. ISMWSF has identified the needs for sports and countries which includes a training scheme for coaches and the training of classifiers but, the financial resources are not available to implement these schemes.

The agreement between the IOC/IPC brings home a realisation that the struggle for recognition of the Paralympic Games and the participating athletes is almost complete with equality being achieved in terms of athletes participating at the Paralympics being treated exactly the same as Olympic athletes. The struggle to gain equality between Olympic and Paralympic athletes in each country of the world remains to be achieved!

In the wake of achieving the equality at Paralympic level we have left behind the important areas of development of Sports and participation in sport for people with a disability. Coupled to this there is the reduction in the number of events in Athletics, Swimming & Table Tennis by the IPC, commencing in 2008. The latter tells us that in the future the IPC will be advising on what events are being offered for a Paralympic Games rather than the present system of attempting to cater for all classifications. This shift means that the IOSDs must accept a role of catering for all classifications within a Sport and provide and promote participation from the grass roots up. The alternative is for the IPC to broaden its role in development and participation, which is at this point in time, beyond their human and financial resources.

The sustaining of development of sport for people with a disability and participation is critical for the future of both IOSDs and the Paralympic Movement and it is possible that if we do not attend to these areas in the immediate future, the Paralympic Games could go into decline. It is important that the opportunity for all people with a disability to participate in sport is given a very high priority in the immediate future.

As most people are aware I am a strong advocate in creating a new organisation for the physically disabled and equally strong in pressing for an agreement with the IPC for the IOSDs to be financially supported by the IPC in the important area of development and athlete services (Coaching, Classification etc). I believe the IOC/IPC Agreement brings about a great urgency to implement an agreement and to put a significant program of development in place as even now it is going to take some years to produce results.

I envisage that a sound viable development program in each of the geographical regions will cost millions of dollars to put in place but, when you consider how such a development program will assist the disabled by improving their lifestyle, making them part of the community, improving their health etc, then it is but a small price to pay and probably results in considerable savings in social services by governments, the latter is very much the case in many countries! This vision leads me to believe that there is a professional employment role in the area of the development of sport for people with a disability and I can see where

universities can have courses for training people in classification, coaching, and setting up the administrative and support structure for organisations delivering services to athletes with a disability. Maybe this is too ambitious but when you think of the number of under developed countries and the number of disabled people throughout the world, then it makes a lot of sense.

Nothing can be achieved without the necessary resources, which all hinge around money and people willing to assist. There is no easy path to obtaining funds but, it takes money to bring money in, and while the ISMWSF has a Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation in place, it does not have the funds to employ people to market the Foundation and attract funding. This is where seed funding is needed in order to build the Foundation's financial resources! I am hopeful that his Foundation will, in the not too distant future, be able to start its work!

What do we need to do in the future?

1. The bringing to fruition of a new organisation for the physically disabled.
2. Establish an agreement with the IPC on the role of ISMWSF in the development area.
3. Bring about a universal professional Classification training program.
4. In conjunction with countries and regional committees, establish a Development Program for the regions of the world.
5. In collaboration with universities and learning institutes, introduce courses for the training of people to deliver services to countries throughout the world.
6. Attract funding to meet the needs of the Development Program.

SUMMARY

The rapid advancement in providing sport for people with a disability demands that structures and services are put in place, to make their world a better place and for them to be integrated into society. The advancement must continue through embracing countries throughout the world, which have yet to experience just how much better life can be by participating in sport for people with a disability.

Thank you for your attention and I hope that my thoughts have assisted you.

THE NEW ORGANISATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED WHERE TO FROM HERE? AN APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION

INTRODUCTION

It is more apparent than ever that there is an urgent need to address and service the needs of people with a physical disability from one organisation rather than several individual disability organisations. It is also more apparent than ever that change has occurred through the advancement of the IPC in sports, World Championships, Regional Championships and Winter & Summer Paralympic Games which has significantly overtaken the role of both ISMWSF and ISOD in these areas. The emergence of the functional classification system has also had a significant impact as it has reduced the number of disability specific sports and brought about a large range of sports for the physically disabled. While these facts clearly show a reduced responsibility for ISMWSF & ISOD it is apparent that the role of 'development' and ensuring that participation in sport for all people with a disability is encouraged are areas which need to be provided for. What we need to establish is an effective means of delivering 'development'. Is it by continuing with the present organisation or is it by putting effective regional organisations in place? The latter is certainly surfacing as a strong option as it has significant advantages in terms of addressing the needs of each region and providing the opportunity for people, coaches, classifiers, technical and administrators to make a direct contribution in their region. These issues beg an answer to the question- where to from here?

The recent agreement between the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee for the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, while of significant benefit to the high performance side of sport for the disabled, it leaves a gap for those athletes who enjoy sport & recreation activities and for the severely disabled. In addition to this the IOC/IPC agreement limits the number of participants in the Summer Paralympic Games to 4,000 and requires a reduction in the number of events which, in effect, will see a reduction in classifications in a number of sports, particularly swimming and athletics. These changes could pose serious problems as, while the reduction in the number of events in the Summer Paralympic Games will enhance the spectacle of the games, it could lead to a reduction in athlete participation at the grass roots level. It is important that whatever classification systems are put in place they allow as much participation as possible at local and national level. From there the IPC can select classes which have the necessary participation numbers to provide strong international competition.

The world of sport for the disabled (IOSDs) and the Paralympic movement is changing rapidly and the recent IPC Strategic Planning Conference clearly indicated there are many changes to come in virtually every area from management, roles and responsibilities of IOSDs and Sports Federations and in the area of development. Of course recognising the need for change is easy in comparison to its implementation and very often the easy path of decision-making results in the status quo being maintained. This in effect is what has occurred since the formation of the IPC in terms of the role and responsibilities of the IOSDs and we are now at a point where the changes, which were obvious, must now become a reality.

In this appraisal I have been fortunate to have to hand the reports and writings of my colleagues on the IPC Executive, the motions which will be debated at the IPC Assembly in Athens, to have participated in the IPC Strategic Planning Conference, having the hindsight of my work in trying to bring about the amalgamation of the ISMWSF/IOSD, and time to consider if change is necessary, or, if we should continue for yet another year hoping that a meaningful and clear role will emerge? I have concluded that considerable 'change' must

take place if we are to keep in step with the rapid development of sport for people with a disability over the past ten years.

Facing reality and realising that the past and present practices, while an important part of our development, must be constantly reviewed and changed where necessary. Likewise quick fixes to maintain an input or control should not be an option.

BRINGING CHANGE ABOUT

In examining the background of the attempts of bringing about the merger of ISMWSF and ISOD it is clear that while the idea has been around for a very long time it has been fraught with the politics of maintaining control and power. However in the past the respective organisations had reasons to remain independent as they were involved in the administration and control of specific sports and had a role in the development of classification systems. This situation has virtually disappeared with individual sports having the responsibilities of the management of their sport. It is working and could work a lot better if adequate funding was available to the respective sports. Where it is not working is in the area of assisting and accelerating the introduction and development of sport in the under-developed countries and making available the necessary funding. There is a considerable and widening gap between the developed (affluent) and the poorer countries and there is a tendency for the affluent countries to forget the long hard struggle in having disabled sport recognised and funded. There are stories from every country as to just how disabled sport became established in their country and there are the big success stories of the last ten years of countries having government and corporate recognition and athletes being properly funded and receiving the recognition they deserve. The objective of the more affluent countries in each region should be to make a strong contribution to the less fortunate countries and this can be brought about by each region having a strong and viable regional organisation. The days of depending on a central international organisation to serve and develop the world have been surpassed through the enormity of the task and the accelerated development of sport for people with a disability which has occurred over the past ten years. Regional organisations, with strong support of the more affluent countries, is most likely the way for the future!

When I was elected President Pro Tem of ISMWSF in 1997 I said in my address to the nations present that the organisation must change its direction on its role if it is to survive and if it failed to do so it would not survive! On being elected ISMWSF went about making change through formulating a Development Plan (1997 to 2000) which was accepted and approved by the General Assembly in 1998. The plan contained the following significant components:

1. To establish a Foundation for the marketing of wheelchair sport. The intent being to provide ISMWSF with a distinct marketing tool and an avenue to solicit funds from a wide range of sources.
2. To bring together ISOD & ISMWSF under one organisation.
3. To commence providing services to nations through accepting the Australia Coaching Athletes with a Disability system (CAD)
4. To adopt the IPC regions and to concentrate on the development of the regions.
5. To reduce the size of the ISMWSF Executive and management.
6. To encourage ISMWSF Sports to become autonomous.
7. For ISMWSF to become more involved in development of sports and the provision of services and for such a role to be recognised by the IPC.

8. To develop stronger links with International Sporting Federations and integration with mainstream sports where possible.

Except for the matter of bringing together of ISOD & ISMWSF all of the above aspects have been addressed to some degree but have been very much restricted through the lack of the necessary financial resources. However the specified points are still very much relevant and need to be implemented .

In the area of bringing about a new organisation for the physically disabled ISMWSF put in a one hundred percent effort to bring the matter to fruition but it failed. It failed because while ISMWSF had the confidence and enthusiasm of its membership, ISOD at no time had such confidence or enthusiasm.

The work put into bringing about the new organisation by ISMWSF represented a genuine effort and the documentation and planning being brought together was laying a solid foundation for a modern IOSD was credible.

In all its work towards the creation of the new organisation the ISMWSF objective was to emerge with a new strong viable organisation which would serve the nations and the athletes. There was no hidden agenda, like returning to 'classification systems' coming under the control of the Medical Committee, but rather a realistic approach of being part of the development of sport for people with a disability.

WHAT DO WE DO ?

There is no doubt that the majority of ISMWSF members believe that neither the IPC, nor its sports, have the financial and human resources to lift the development and participation from its current ad hoc and almost non existent situation in many countries into that which is being enjoyed by the more affluent countries. The need for countries to be guided and assisted is greater than ever and the services required range from, what we consider essential-- the simple task of getting started and understanding disabled sport. There are also many member countries, which while well established, believe there are dangers in depending on IPC to do everything when in fact it already has a very heavy workload in meeting its tasks! Nevertheless this does not mean the IPC can ignore development, as it is an essential element in the future of the Paralympic movement, as it will need to play a role in contributing to and funding development programs. It is important that we stop misusing and isolating **Development** as it is an integral part of sport and it is not just the underdeveloped and poorer countries which need assistance in developing sport for people with a disability! I cannot think of one country in the world which does not need to address and attend to development.

It is also important to recognise that most sports, except for Wheelchair Tennis and Wheelchair Basketball, are organised and administered on a voluntary basis which is extremely limiting and inhibiting in terms of administering and developing the respective sports. A continuance of this approach will result in serious problems in providing high performance sports in world championships and Paralympic games. It is poor management not to have all sports properly structured and administered with strong links to the equivalent mainstream sport. The NPC of the USA has put forward a motion to the 2001 IPC General Assembly to address the issue of individual sports governance and management. I would hope that this is but the start to assist sports management at a professional level.

Development is currently in the 'too difficult' basket and the responsibility appears to be seen as somewhat obscure with some assuming it is the IOSDs responsibility. There is an urgent need to formulate a sound development program with provision to generate the necessary funding. I do not believe there is any one organisation which has the necessary infrastructure to implement a development program and satisfy the requirements, likewise no sport has the necessary infrastructure. What we have to do is determine the 'development' requirements from every perspective from those which are needed by all countries through to

the individual needs of each country. It's a tall order but the alternative of the what we are doing now, almost nothing, is unacceptable. The motion by the British Paralympic Committee to the 2001 General Assembly to put the Solidarity & Development Foundation under the leadership of the IOSDs with a management committee responsible to the IPC Executive is a recipe for disaster as it is flawed in many respects. An international foundation for development has been on the table since it was presented by SPOC in 1999 but it never materialised due to political wrangling. The concept is excellent but it must be a foundation with clear aims and objectives which serve sport for the disabled throughout the world and it must have the seed funding for its establishment.

There must be no band aids used in addressing **Development**, such as that proposed by the British Paralympic Committee, because The IOSD membership is well below that of the IPC and even a combined IOSD would be less than half of the IPC membership. In addition to this most IOSD members cover all disabilities and many countries are members of five IOSDs, two or more international federations, FESPIC and the IPC. The membership situation does not stop there, as some NPCs are also members of IOSDs, international federations, and their regional organisation. Providing development services to the world is what must be addressed and part of this is to review the organisational structure. The present system is a terrible mess.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

The momentum for 'change' is very much alive within the ISMWSF membership and many members were excited and enthused about the prospect of having one organisation for the physically disabled. Many members sighted such a move as being of necessity to ensure the future for sports for people with a physical disability.

The concept of one international organisation for disabled sport started in the 1960s with the intent of ISOD being the singular organisation for international coordination but it has never come to fruition. The idea at the time made sense and even the latest attempt by ISMWSF to create a new organisation by amalgamating ISMWSF and ISOD was a sensible move, but it became a minefield of peoples personal ambitions taking precedent over serving the athletes and providing services to the nations

One thing is clear in looking to the future and that is little or nothing can be delivered without the means of raising substantial financial resources to put together realistic development programs and to train personnel to deliver such programs. The funds required are substantial and necessary if we are to keep sport for the disabled alive and overcome the low participation numbers throughout the world. These matters clearly indicate our first priority must be to establish the building of a funding source through a worldwide fundraising foundation which must have the necessary seed funding for at least its first two years of operation. If this can be achieved then we can proceed to put a plan and program together for the future, if we cannot then the risk of disabled sport diminishing is very real.

The **second** priority is to determine just how we are going to address the development task i.e.

- Country by country
- Region by region or groups of countries
- Established Sports
- Developing Sports
- Coaching Services
- Classification systems
- Administrative assistance
- Equipment assistance
- Competition programs and event management.

- Monitoring and management

The **third** priority is to bring together an overall development plan & program outlining who does what, the training programs including personnel training, training resources and the funding required.

The **fourth** priority is to determine the type of organisation required to deliver the development plan. Do we have a centralised system to deliver the resources, train personnel and then pass over to regions or groups of countries? What training organisational structure exists within the present system and can it be effectively utilised? Can we get away from a country having the financial overhead of paying annual fees to a number of organisations ?

The **fifth** priority is the effective implementation.

CONCLUSION

Sport for people with a disability has come a long way since its birth some fifty years ago, and the Paralympic Games have reached a significant level of success in terms of public recognition and presentation. This success will be further enhanced through the agreement between the IOC and the IPC and the agreement also provides all National Paralympic Committees with the same entry conditions for Paralympic Games as those which prevail for Olympic athletes commencing in 2008. This is certainly a great achievement and it has taken a significant effort in terms of human and financial resources to achieve this level. The task now is to sustain the highest possible quality for future Paralympic Games, and to do so we must turn our attention to greater participation and development of athletes in all parts of the world. No doubt these areas have been neglected in the quest of establishing and gaining recognition of the Paralympic Games. However a continuance of neglect of the development needs could jeopardise the whole future of disabled sport and the Paralympic movement.

The amalgamation of ISOD and ISMWSF is not out of reach, it is there to be grasped and by a simple amendment to the present ISMWSF constitution to remove the words 'spinal cord injury' and inserting 'athletes with a physical disability' a new organisation would be in existence. It only needs the approval of the ISMWSF Executive and agreement by the ISOD Executive to effect the new organisation early in 2002.

- What about the name? It really doesn't matter as an interim name could be used!
- What about acceptance by IPC and agreement with IPC on the role of the new organisation ? This needs urgent negotiations, as irrespective of the bringing together of ISMWSF & ISOD there is a need to clearly define the role of the IOSDs in the Paralympic Movement.
- What about the structure? Probably the most important area is to bring the sport of Athletics together and that is not difficult! Other areas can be brought together by the new Executive.
- What about the location of Headquarters? ISMWSF has drafted a bid document seeking expressions of interest from countries to host the headquarters and while the outcome is awaited Stoke Mandeville could be the temporary base.
- What about the legal implications? The present incorporated charity limited by guarantee is registered under the laws of England & Wales and operates in accordance with the Charities & Companies Acts. The Board's liability is protected and the organisation is not subject to corporation tax and has a partially exempt status for Value Added Tax.

Recognition and registration with the Charity Commission enables the organisation to undertake fundraising activities.

The above opens the door in the widest possible sense to make the amalgamation of ISOD & ISMWSF a reality. It is simple and feasible without the politics. Let us focus on “making it happen” and focus on putting in place a sound means of providing opportunities in sport for people with a physical disability throughout the world.

RECOMMENDATION

The ISMWSF Executive approves the approach outlined in this document and seeks the memberships approval to amend the constitution and proceed.

Respectfully submitted

Bob McCullough

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

MAURA STRANGE

Introduction

The ISMWSF Secretariat is tasked with the responsibility of managing the delivery of the Federation's operational aims and objectives. This is achieved through team endeavour, and with the coordinated collaboration of the Federation's Officers and Sports. Throughout the years, these activities have created the fundamental basis for athlete and sport development at international level, as well as having formulated the blue print for adoption by sports, national and international organisations and influencing change in global attitudes towards persons with a disability.

Purpose

To report to the Nations on Secretariat activities and interface during the period under review, and to put forward ideas and recommendations associated with the Federation's operations for the coming period.

Report

At today's date, it is 15 month's since my last report to the nations made at the General Assembly of Nations held during the Sydney Paralympic Games in October 2000. As we moved forward from that date, our focus was on the continuing implementation of the Federation's Development Plan and the fulfilment of the nations' mandate to achieve amalgamation with ISOD. It has proved to be a period of changing fortune and has called for strength of purpose and direction.

Throughout the period under review, the Secretariat has provided administrative and coordinative support for the realisation of these organisational objectives, alongside its regular management of the Federation's operational activities, including service delivery to nations, sports and Officers. In addition, the Federation Executive has identified the need for strategies and initiatives in several areas, which have been tasked for the Executive Director/Secretary General's development.

It has been a continuing challenge to incorporate all these duties, and prioritise the work of two persons to best effect. Our staffed resources are severely stretched, and this has called for the understanding of sports and Officers when evaluating our current operational capacity. Commitment and loyalty to the movement has once again been evident in the flexible and accommodating approach of the Secretariat to the demands made. In these days of financial restraint and decreased access to resources, it is necessary for the Secretariat to assume an innovative approach to its activities and responsibilities. Whilst this has proved to be a major asset to the Federation, and has given key support to achieving a level of operations not necessarily identified within budgetary terms, we have to consider the staff's capacity to continue to sustain this without burn-out.

Objectives & Strategies

To further develop ISMWSF operational capacity:

The need to reinforce our operational capacity to more effectively meet present needs, and to additionally attain conditions conducive to the support and implementation of the Federation's new organisational structure outlined for election at this General Assembly in 2002, has been heavily underlined. It is crucial to the Federation's objectives therefore that we are including plans for operational expansion commensurate with our organisational restructure, and our aim for increased professionalism at all levels. At the end of 2000 and during 2001, strategies identified to encourage the realisation of these fundamental objectives have included the development of outreach contracts on a sport specific basis, and the development of an HQ bid pack to include the requirement for an increase to paid centralised staffing positions.

The development of contracts and the recruitment of paid personnel started with the appointment of an Athletics Coordinator in December 2000. This introduction to the practicalities associated with the concept of contracted part-time outreach sport specific coordinators has been a sharp learning curve, but the initiative essentially provides a means for ISMWSF to expand its service to sports and will serve to strengthen and support individual sports objectives in the professional management of their sport as demanded in today's climate.

The uncertainty involved with ISMWSF maintaining an HQ facility on site at Stoke Mandeville when the British Wheelchair Sport Foundation commenced its building construction work at the early months of 2001 was temporarily resolved when we took up the offer made by the British Wheelchair Sports Foundation for rental of a reduced space in another part of the Olympic Village from June 2001 to July 2002. The unavoidable disruption to our staffed function throughout this period has been borne with fortitude and adaptability. I must say that it is quite an experience to work in the midst of a noisy building site - however, not one I would necessarily recommend!! When the BWSF finally re-open the Centre towards the end of the 2002, space will be at a premium, with facility management objectives firmly focused on maximising the commercial potential of the site. At the time of writing, discussion continues with the BWSF to identify the potential for renting an office facility at the new Centre, post July 2002. There are positive indications that this could be a possibility, at least in the short term, although some restrictions would apply, including the lack of expansion potential and increased financial outlay to conduct our HQ business.

In developing the HQ Bid Pack circulated to countries at the end of 2001, therefore, I have taken into account the present need to plan for maximising our operational performance potential in all areas where the Federation has obligation to deliver. The conditions outlined as essential to our needs and not currently available would considerably enhance our effectiveness in the fundamental activities we undertake on behalf of the membership and sports, and realise the aims outlined in our Development Plan. Support for this initiative from member nations is crucial to the Federation's objectives.

A prime target within these strategies, which is vital in support of development and training, is to improve our capacity for generating increased revenues. The area we shall be able to explore more effectively with an expanded operational capacity, is that of fund application and award, and with it, the potential for financially supporting and facilitating project work of both a generic and sport specific nature.

The initiatives being undertaken to strengthen our operational capacity and organisational structure have called for a thorough review and restatement of our internal regulations and statutory business practices to be presented in a more "user friendly" format. I have therefore

been carrying out a comprehensive overhaul of various documents that need to be consolidated and brought in line with our new structure so that a comprehensive ISMWSF Guiding Principles and Organisational/Operational Regulations Handbook publication is available for reference at this forthcoming General Assembly and elections. In association with this exercise, I have also been working with the Executive Management Committee to give stronger support and guidance to paid staff, Officer and Standing Committees functions on behalf of ISMWSF, both internally and with outside agencies, by developing clearer terms of reference, job descriptions and interface protocols. These will also be included in the Handbook.

Amalgamation:

Following the joint General Assembly at the end of 2000 in Sydney, Australia, I was tasked with providing support to the ISMWSF/ISOD working group members and this included the compilation of 11 reports on the status of ISMWSF and its various functional areas. All reports tasked to me were submitted to the President in accordance with instruction and the deadlines identified, up to and including April 2001. Members will be aware that some difficulties were experienced after this time, which effectively brought a halt to the proceedings, until renewed discussion was initiated in Athens in December 2001 on the occasion of the IPC General Assembly. The tasks identified for my action at this latter meeting have been undertaken and there has been considerable communication on the issue of the amalgamation by working group members since that time. A full report from the working group will be delivered to the Nations at the General Assembly.

Marketing:

As members are aware, Wheelchair Sports Worldwide was established to market wheelchair sport and gain the profile to support increased fundraising on an international level. Wheelchair Sports Worldwide has to operate on a no “up-front” cost basis and has no dedicated staffing resource. Activities under this banner are reported separately within this Annual Report.

Donations:

Several financial and Value in Kind donations have been received in the Secretariat, facilitating the Federation’s day to day work and our thanks go to the following for their valued contribution:

DHL

Miss Evelyn Hewitt

Mrs Nakamura

Mrs Carol Neuff

Phil Garner

Post-graduate students of Imperial College, London

Scott Jarrett Bowden & Partners

The Ludwig Guttmann Paraplegic Sports Foundation

Equipment donations received in the Secretariat (Handcycle, Twin Basketball nets and balls, and lawn bowls woods) have also been reallocated to benefit sports rehabilitation programmes and encourage participation in new and traditional sports.

50 Year Anniversary:

The year 2002 heralds the celebration of 50 years of international wheelchair sport as founded at Stoke Mandeville. All nations participating in wheelchair sports programmes across the globe are an integral part of this history and share this anniversary. A steering group has been set up to promote the event’s celebration on a world-wide basis. We have already received indications from Australia, France, Great Britain and Japan, that they will be

celebrating this event, and look to this spreading even further. Event organisers and their national disability sports organisations have been asked to consider an acknowledgement of this momentous occasion when staging national and international events in their countries. We would hope also that the occasion could be used to generate interest and raise sorely needed funds. Nations are therefore being encouraged to consider the production of merchandising materials. Press packs, pins, logo and poster design have been developed and are available to support such initiatives from the Secretariat at Stoke Mandeville.

Joan Scruton, the Federation's Secretary General from 1960 to 1993, and still actively supportive of the movement, has undertaken to form a volunteer Committee in Britain to organise a celebratory event. The intent is to stage the Guttman Lectures and Anniversary Dinner at Stoke Mandeville, with the support of the British Wheelchair Sports Foundation, the Spinal Centre at Stoke Mandeville and the Royal British Legion as a fitting tribute to the birth of the movement and in culmination of a year-long, global celebration of the 50 years.

The Fédération Française Handisport, our member organisation in France, in association with its support of the staging of the 2002 ISMWSF General Assembly of Nations has declared its intent to host a 50th Anniversary Dinner on 20th April. We look forward to a wonderful evening, sharing memories of the past, and toasting a new era of international wheelchair sport, creating opportunity for physically disabled men and women worldwide to enjoy participation in sporting activities.

Development:

ISMWSF's autonomous activities also encompass addressing the development objectives of new sports, developing nations and regions. To secure the conditions for successful implementation of these objectives requires solidarity in approach involving all stakeholders. The ISMWSF Executive Management Committee has endorsed the concept I presented at a recent meeting, which, with the support of the IPC, the regions and other agencies, will increase our capacity to facilitate athlete opportunity levels, encourage involvement in international disability sport promotion and assist in general development objectives, within countries which are in sore need of support.

There is an increasing tendency to focus only on matters paralympic, when we all know that without attention to grass roots needs at national and international level, the elite level will become a stagnant and unchallenged arena.

Within the broader remit of the paralympic movement, the IOSDs are charged with development work, including education and training and provision of increased competitive opportunity. In representing ISMWSF at the IPC Sports Council, I have taken opportunity for collaboration with the sports and the IPC HQ Sports Department in these areas, to include establishing productive working relationships relative to the World Wheelchair Games, Anti-Doping, classification and technical training programmes.

IPC Relationship:

The basis of our relationship is founded on the rights, obligations and responsibilities of both parties. The obligations of ISMWSF as a member of the IPC are different to those of the nations and are being clarified as our two organisations evolve and pass through strategic reviews. Membership rights are not so clear and there seems to be no universal definition in respect to the founding IOSDs' rights – perhaps the IOSD status should be redefined as “active partners”.

The aims and objectives associated with Paralympic Games coordination are accommodated by the IPC and the paralympic programme sports. ISMWSF paralympic programme sports play a valid and effective role within this area.

However, in taking the larger picture of the paralympic movement per se, where all stakeholders play an important role and to more effectively manage the operational interface with IPC on the broader issues related to all sports and both memberships, we are faced with some challenges:

- Achievement without dilution or diversion of resources essential to ISMWSF singular operations
- Prioritising limited resource to encompass both grass roots and paralympic movement objectives
- Operational management to incorporate the differing schedules and demands of other agencies and organisations
- Planning to best effect, strategies and programmes to accommodate both singular and common commitments
- Recruitment and development activities within IPC membership
- Representation of IOSD member nations interests to best effect within the paralympic movement
- Operational interface and contribution within IPC Sports

Organisationally, both the IPC and the IOSDs have the responsibility on behalf of their respective memberships to focus on their autonomous roles and responsibilities. However, at operational level, the need to facilitate and support each other's activities and management of our singular resources to benefit all stakeholders needs to be constructively and jointly addressed if we are to avoid duplication and conflict.

Self-sufficient and independently managed contribution more effectively supports the common aim for collaboration and cooperation. Currently there are many grey areas, which need to be clarified and defined so that our common objectives are more readily achievable.

To be effective in our own operations is the best service we can provide both to our member organisations and to complement the IPC. To be effective, we must know and work to agreed operational parameters and protocols. These are established in relation to our own membership, but must be more clearly established to support effective interface in operational terms with the IPC. This would promote a more efficient management of time, resource and finances, taking into account both our singular and common operational commitments and additionally recognise the distinct roles and responsibilities associated with all stakeholders in the paralympic movement. The time for consolidation and mutual collaboration to define this operational interface is long overdue. IOSD member nations should be assured of the operational effectiveness of the IOSDs in paralympic movement matters. We seek IPC's support and cooperation in achieving this objective.

Conclusion

I shall not let the occasion pass without referral to Mr Bob McCullough, who acted as our President from 1997 until his resignation in December 2001. Bob was the architect of the Federation's present Development Plan and led the Federation with a firm hand. He was heavily and actively involved in the day-to-day operations of the Federation, particularly in the area of marketing Wheelchair Sports Worldwide. His approach was never half-hearted, and his determination to achieve great things cannot be denied. It is incredible to think of the substantial undertakings he initiated and his unwavering commitment to change. He has left a legacy to the new leadership of ISMWSF to progress these. He stretched his volunteer commitment extensively and his door was never closed. In addition to the work carried out on behalf of ISMWSF, he undertook a similar level of contribution to the IPC. His personal commitment to the IPC included representing IPC on the IOC Evaluation Commission for the 2008 Games, taking up months of his time in 2001. I am sure that I will echo the thoughts of

the IPC and the nations when I say, on behalf of the ISMWSF Executive, thank you. His industriousness and forthrightness will be missed.

To Paul De Pace, who has stepped in as Acting President for a 4-month term until elections, my appreciation for accommodating these responsibilities at such short notice. To my assistant, Kim, thank you as always for your diligence and sense of humour. To the ISMWSF Executive and Sports Officers, thank you for your support. To the nations, thank you for your friendship.

On the eve of elections, which will establish new leadership for the Federation, I look forward to working with you on behalf of ISMWSF.

Respectfully submitted

Maura Strange

SPORTS SCIENCE & MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

DR ORIOL MARTINEZ

In my capacity as ISMWSF Medical Officer it is an honour for me to present this Final Summary Report for 2001 of the activities of the Sport Sciences and Medical Committee.

This year has been taken up by the negotiations for the ISOD/ISMWSF Amalgamation, which, and as we already know, have yet to come to fruition. This has supposed that many of the actions agreed on by the Sport Sciences and Medical Committee for this year were based on the rationale of a future Medical Committee of a new federation. Therefore, the structure, regulation, programs and actions, have been without the possibility of development. But this Committee will debate new ideas and new concepts that can be taken advantage of for the future development of ISMWSF.

This year has also been marked by the issue of the intellectually disabled athletes, especially the Spanish basketball players, and although they do not depend on our federation internationally, it has still left a bad image of Paralympic Sport in general and that in no small measure has affected all the structures of disabled sports. This matter has also made the SS&MC consider its causes and consequences. This committee has reached the conclusion that fair classifications, based on a "clean" game, are vital for the development of our competition sports. In many cases and situations this is not totally true and we should therefore continue working strongly in the diverse aspects of this field.

Most of the work carried out by this Committee during this year has been in the search of new paths of configuration of an SS&MC within the ISMWSF, or within a future new federation for the physically disabled.

Development of the future proposal for ISMWSF Sport Sciences and Medical Committee:

The proposal of a new structure contemplates the following basic points:

- A structure that guarantees the representation of the geographical regions of the member countries and of the sport committees within the SS&MC.
- To establish some basic work areas for the development of this new SS&MC:
 - Educational Area.
 - Doping Control Area
 - Research Area.
 - Classification Area.
- To establish a control system/advice on the development of the sport classifications that guarantees the legal foundation for uniformity, ethical and objectivity.
- To establish a curricular formation design for ISMWSF classifiers, to guarantee a relative and uniform formation on a scientific basis to the entire world.
- To establish an education program based on evaluation approaches, as an introductory link to the subject of classification.
- To establish an education program to eradicate the practices of Doping among our athletes.

Activities of the ISMWSF SS&MC during this period:

During this annual period the SS&MC has maintained its periodic contacts since the meeting which took place in Sydney, October 2000, communicating by email when not being able to meet at competitions or other activities.

- We have continued to develop the Educational Manual on the Evaluation of wheelchair athletes, although at the present time this is in revision phase only.
- We have put into operation the system of seal of approval for research, denominated Quality Stamp. At the present time two projects exist in study for obtaining this qualification, a study of psychology of sport, and the other related to sport classifications.

In this section the SS&MC has the opinion that the diffusion should be reinforced between the member countries and other institutions such as universities, institutions of sport sciences, and others to be able to guarantee its development to the benefit of our sport.

- We have put into operation, during the month of June, the ISMWSF MAP Information Service for advice on the use of drugs for our athletes. This service is already being used by our member countries.
- There has been a collaboration with the IPC Medical Committee and the European Paralympic Committee with translation into Spanish of the brochure *Doping Disables* published by the EPC in French, German and English versions, with the objective of distributing it to the Spanish speaking member countries in Central and South America.
- Collaboration with the organization of the XI European Congress for Sports Medicine for the celebration of round table: *GENERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS AND THE PARALYMPIC SPORTS, the bases of the clean game.*
- Collaboration with the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Foundation for the celebration of a Paralympic Forum in Barcelona in November 2001.

The organisation and participation at this Forum was very successful, surpassing the previous events, dedicated to Olympic sport, with the participation of about 200 subscribers. The following were among the presenters: Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper, Mr. Hans Lindstrom, Mrs. Beatrice Hess, Dr. Otto Schantz, Mr. Joan Palau, Mr. Miguel Sagarra, and I had the honor of representing our Federation ISMWSF and wheelchair sports. These were very important topics for the development of the Paralympic Sport Movement, development of the IPC and development of the International Federations. And from the Sport Science perspective, very important questions have been discussed with regard to the development of classifications, of the fight against Doping, and the education and investigation into sport for disabled athletes.

Anti Doping Policy & Procedures.

The SS&MC wants to congratulate the ISMWSF Secretariat, and especially to its Secretary General, Mrs. Maura Strange, for the excellent work that has been carried out in the Anti Doping Policy & Procedures document – this deserves our unanimous approval. This document will be vital in the development of the Anti Doping policies of our Federation and in our competitions, being supplemented wisely with the IPC Medical Code. This is a “live” document, and it requires constant maintenance, for example: Up-date Lists of new drugs and forbidden methods. new rules and regulations IOC, IPC, and WADA,... and the SS&MC offers to the Secretary General to carry out this constant action of bringing the document up to date.

I should not conclude this annual report of activities of the ISMWSF Sport Sciences and Medical Committee, without making certain relative considerations to the period 1997 - 2001

for which I was chosen, by the Assembly of Nations, as Medical Officer and SS&MC Chairman.

I think these have been four quite difficult years for ISMWSF, where many difficulties have had to be saved, but even with the presence of so many difficulties our federation has continued for the benefit of the development of wheelchair sports and of wheelchair athletes worldwide and for the member countries of our federation. Not always with the intensity that we expected, especially the one that hoped to develop the ISMWSF Executive Committee, but we have always advanced forward.

The same thing has happened within the ISMWSF Sport Sciences and Medical Committee, we wanted to advance more in our objectives, but what has been carried out has been very positive. We have been able to give a new firm structure to our Committee, we have developed projects in education, anti-doping, investigation, support to the official competitions of ISMWSF, we have diffused our activities at world level and especially to our countries members, we have always supported the Development Plan approved by the ISMWSF General Assembly, we have maintained a relationship of direct collaboration with the IPC Medical Committee, as well as other specific actions. The reason why I am positive with our work, and in the enthusiasm that all the members have demonstrated, is that I think that we have opened a new road for the future development of the SS&MC.

But what of is the future of the ISMWSF, and in consequence of ISMWSF Sport Sciences and Medical Committee. This answer alone is in the hands of our next General Assembly of Nations, which should decide what it wants for ISMWSF, and it is for us to follow and implement their commands in as much as circumstances facilitate.

Respectfully submitted

Dr Oriol Martinez

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

LAI,FOU-HWAN

1. Asian Wheelchair Sports Federation

AWSF, as a regional organisation of ISMWSF, has been established last year. Thirteen Asian countries attended the inaugural meeting held on October 24, 2000 in Sydney, Australia, as founding members. The purpose of this organisation is to further promote the disabled sports in the Asia Region.

However, the business of AWSF had once been put on hold for the future formation of a new organisation. Later as the negotiation between ISMWSF and ISOD did not go well, the President ISMWSF agreed that AWSF could proceed with its business during his visit to Chinese Taipei in September. Now the statute has been re-visited and revised in order to better meet the needs of and deliver service for the Asian Region.

AWSF is just the first regional organisation. Hopefully regional organisation will be formed in other continents. Thus, ISMWSF would be with greater authority and that will facilitate the promotion of sports for people with a disability in every part of the world.

2. FESPIC Table Tennis Ranking Tournament

This was held successfully by Chinese Taipei in early November. This event served as a warm-up for the 2002 IPC World Table Tennis Championships, to be held in Chinese Taipei in August 2002.

3. The 2001 World Wheelchair 9-Ball Pool Championships

This Championship was originally scheduled in Chinese Taipei in 2001. However, the organiser was unable to make the Championships possible due to internal problems. However, the President ISMWSF had discussed with the WPA about building a formal partnership between ISMWSF and WPA to promote Wheelchair Cue Sports in both competitions and education. Hopefully the World Wheelchair 9-Ball Pool Championships will be held in Taipei in late 2002 and will serve as an event for celebrating 50 years of international wheelchair sport.

Restfully submitted

Lai, Fou-Hwan

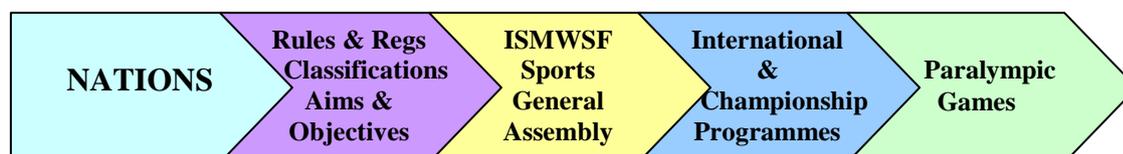
SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Summary for the period November 2000 to March 2002

The primary role of the ISMWSF programmes in sport is to provide increasing opportunities and universal standards for achievement at all levels, and development of the sport itself to the benefit of athletes with a disability.

Wheelchair Athletics, Fencing and Rugby

ISMWSF maintains an autonomous and singular function in respect to governance of international competition and Championship programmes from international grass roots to elite Paralympic level in the sports of Wheelchair Athletics, Rugby and Fencing.



Wheelchair Athletics

List of Events:

Nov/Dec 2000:

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| 20th Oita International Wheelchair Marathon | Oita, Japan | Nov 12 |
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2001:

Sanction

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| Summer DownUnder Series | Sydney, Australia | Jan 24/Feb 1 |
| Dublin Open Athletics Championships | Dublin, Ireland | April 28 |
| 6 th International Wheelchair Marathon | Oensinger, Switzerland | May 26 |
| Irish National Athletic Championships | Dublin, Ireland | May 26/27 |
| Metro Toronto Wheelchair Challenge | Toronto, Canada | July 6/8 |
| Czech Open Championships Wheelchair Athletics | Nove Mesto, Czech Republic | Aug 16/19 |
| National Open Junior Disability Games | Brisbane, Australia | Sep 28/Oct 7 |

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| European Wheelchair Track & Field Championships | Nottwil, Switzerland | June 21/23 |
| European Wheelchair Half Marathon | Lisbon, Portugal | April 1 |

2002:

Sanction

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| Summer DownUnder Series | Sydney, Australia | Jan 24/31 |
| Leinster Open Athletics Championships | Dublin, Ireland | April 13 |
| Daniela Jutzeler Meeting | Ibach, Switzerland | May 9/11 |

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| Schenkon Wheelchair Marathon | Schenkon, Switzerland | May 11 |
| Irish National Athletics Championships | Dublin, Ireland | May 25.26 |
| Metro Toronto Wheelchair Challenge | Toronto, Canada | June 28/30 |

The Athletics Section held their General Assembly during the Paralympic Games in Sydney Australia with a new Executive Committee as follows:

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| Chairman: | Kevan Baker |
| Vice Chairman | Jean Minier |
| Classification Chair | Mats Laveborn |
| Competition & Calendar Chair | Jan Bockweg |
| Coaching Commission Chair | Andrew Dawes |
| Athlete Commission Chair | Greg Smith |
| Regional Representatives | Peter Lauppi (Eur) – Commission Chair |
| | Johan Crouse (Africa) |
| | Alisghar Hadizadeh (Middle East/Asia) |
| Communication Commission Chair | Peter Eriksson |

Kevan Baker resigned from his role as Chairman in February 2001 and Jean Minier stepped in to take over the mantle of Chairman. The function identified with the position of Communication Commission Chair which was vacated by Peter Eriksson, due to the time commitment needed, is currently being covered through a Secretariat/Athletics Coordinator joint activity.

Inroads have been made into the priorities of wheelchair track and field - the ISMWSF rulesbook is available for download from the Athletics website, which is currently being re-established within the main Federation web-site www.wsw.org.uk. To ensure that technical and classification rules and regulations on behalf of wheelchair athletes are appropriately authorised for application and to avoid confusion, we have reinforced and publicised the fact that a defined procedure exists for changes to ISMWSF rules. Circumventing such a procedure has the potential to disenfranchise the membership of ISMWSF whose role it is to consider and decide on such rule changes within their Athletics Sports Assemblies. The web-site information is continually being refreshed with the objective of providing users with up-to-date information on classification, how to apply for training and accreditation, how to apply for sanction and world record ratification, as well as a full register of wheelchair track and field athletes. A demonstration of the new web site will be made at the forthcoming ISMWSF Open Forum for Track & Field to be held during the World Championships to be staged in Lille, France.

ISMWSF conducted a very successful 1st European Wheelchair Track & Field Championship in Nottwil, Switzerland in June 2001. The event organisers, Wheelchair Sports Switzerland, provided a quality event with their usual efficiency and effectiveness. Athletes and spectators alike, with a high level of achievement being demonstrated by the elite wheelchair sportsmen and women of Europe, enjoyed a superb Championship. Alongside their adult counterparts, the youth of the region took the opportunity to showcase their own potential in a few selected events.

Work is under progress to ensure a credible standard-setting policy based on current performances within ranks of competitors and the need to find a balance between numbers and quality. ISMWSF is currently recommending to event organisers the adoption of the point score system with just one “open” event for all women, plus one event for tetra (F51-53) and one for para (F54-58) male athletes, and have recommended that the IPC adopt this system for ISMWSF classified athletes in the IPC World Championships 2002. The system

will also support the IPC in their objectives for reducing participation numbers at forthcoming Paralympic Games.

Athletics Executive activity was supported through the appointment of an outreach Coordinator in December 2000. And whilst it is disappointing to report that Frank Martin resigned as Athletics Coordinator effective September 2001, the Athletics Executive in concert with the Executive Director ISMWSF have developed an operational plan to utilise the budget available to its best effect. Jan Bockweg has taken over the role in a volunteer capacity, and will continue and further developed the co-ordination of the sport, with the financial support of ISMWSF to cover the necessary expenses.

Fencing

List of events:

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| World Cup Fencing | Seville, Spain | Feb 2 |
| World Cup Fencing | Lonato, Italy | May 4/6 |
| World Cup Fencing | Warsaw, Poland | July 5/8 |
| World Cup Fencing | Budapest, Hungary | Nov 23 |
| European Championships | Madrid, Spain | Dec 10/16 |

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| World Cup Fencing | Seville, Spain | March 1/3 |
| World Championship | Budapest, Hungary | April 21/28 |
| World Cup Fencing | Lonato, Italy | May 25/26 |
| World Cup Fencing | Warsaw, Poland | July 11/14 |

The World Cup series continues in strength, with high participation levels demonstrated at the events held during the period under review and with continued and increasing interest from nations in staging future World Cups. The fact that category C (tetraplegics) fencers have been incorporated into the World Cup, World Championships and Regional Championships forecasts an excellent development in the sport for the future. Another project of the IWFC is the reclassification of class 3 in Category B in such a way that it will increase the participation in this category and the Minimal Handicap will be extended to allow Category A athletes to enter competition, this means that many athletes who cannot compete in standing fencing will be able to do so in a wheelchair.

The main change taking place in 2001 was the renewal of the International Wheelchair Fencing Committee (IWFC). In May, the General Assembly of the IWFC took place in Lonato, Italy during the World Cup Fencing.

The following members were elected to the IWFC for the quadrennium:

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| President | Alberto Martinez Vassallo | Spain |
| Secretary | Brian Dickinson | Great Britain |
| Member: | Sasson Aharoni | Israel |
| | Tawfiq E. Al-Owmi | Kuwait |
| | Serge Besseiche | France |
| | Vicki Bullard | USA |
| | Vitorio Loi | Italy |

The Assembly showed its concern regarding the future of the Committee as far as structure and dependency is concerned. This led to discussion on the options available to further strengthen the sport in the international arena. The new Executive are tasked with finding the

most appropriate and effective means of achieving this and their deliberations include thoughts of partnership/integration/independency situations for the future.

The FIE have been very generous to the IWFC through invitation to conduct a presentation of wheelchair fencing at the Assembly of FIE member nations in Paris, France. Over 100 nations attended. Thanks to this presentation, new countries have been introduced to the sport and have been requested to help with the training of technicians, referees etc. The FIE has included its President or his representative in the various development work of the IWFC.

The IWFC wishes to develop various projects during the year 2002 onward, with the objective of increasing participation levels and the more active involvement of nations new to the sport through Regional Championship situations in Asia, Australia and the Americas. An International Challenge for Youths (under 16) will take place for the first time during the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Wheelchair Rugby

The idea of Wheelchair Rugby becoming an independent sport federation has been discussed for over 4 years now. Certain significant steps have been achieved toward obtaining this status. However, the Sports Assembly in Sydney decided that the timing of becoming an Independent Federation needed to be postponed. It was felt that certain additional preparations have to take place prior to achieving this status. Whilst in Sydney an Ad-Hoc Independence Committee was formed and this has been working with the ISMWSF and the Wheelchair Rugby Executive Committee on the issues related to a future independency of organisation and operation. Another aspect of the move toward independence includes the development of a relationship between the IWRF and International Rugby. At the present time there are some plans being made for staging parallel WR competitions alongside some major Rugby Tournaments. Some nations have already started to form Independent National WR Organisations. New Zealand can be used as a prime example of a harmonious cooperation between the ISMWSF national member organisation and an independent NWRO. The Czech Republic, where an agreement has now been reached between the ISMWSF national member organisation and the Czech WR Organisation took a long time to establish - however, a level of mutual respect and cooperation is now in place. Each country should look at its own way of establishing a relationship based on mutual understanding and cooperation.

Competition

2001 is the year of holding the Zonal Championships in Europe and Oceania. The American Zone, with only 3 member countries will have to wait for at least another member to join the sport before it will be able to hold legitimate Championship tournaments.

The European Zone Championships scheduled to take place in Liverpool, England, November 13 – 17 2001, unfortunately, with great disappointment did not take place due to a drastic budgetary deficit, and organisational shortcomings. Despite the concerted efforts of ISMWSF, IWRF and the BWSF, the event had to be cancelled. This proved to be a costly lesson for the sport of wheelchair rugby, and one that should be remembered in order to avoid similar situations in the future.

Preliminary preparations are going ahead in Belgium for the 2003 European Zone Championships. Other countries are also encouraged to submit their Bids.

The Oceania Zone Championships took place December 1-3 2001 in Christchurch, New Zealand. The Organising Committee of the tournament worked very diligently for two years to prepare for the event. The tournament was attended by Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Africa. South Africa is very active in the development of Wheelchair Rugby and has

expressed a desire to host the 2003 Oceania Zone Championships. We welcome their enthusiastic approach.

The qualifications for the 2002 WR World Championships to be held in Sweden from May 28 to June 3 2002, have been affected by the cancellation of the European Zone Championships. The countries will qualify based on the regulations which stipulate qualifications where there were no Zonal Championships held (America and European Zones) and on the results of the competitions in the Oceania Zone. In short the countries will qualify for the World Championships in the following manner: 2 from America, 2 plus 1 “wild cards” from Oceania, 6 plus 1 “wild card” from Europe for a total of 12 countries.

IWRF Elections

IWRF will hold its AGM and elections in 2002 (due to have taken place during the cancelled European Championships) during the World Championships in Sweden. Nomination, Mandate and Motions forms were sent out from the ISMWSF Secretariat to the relevant countries.

Athens 2004

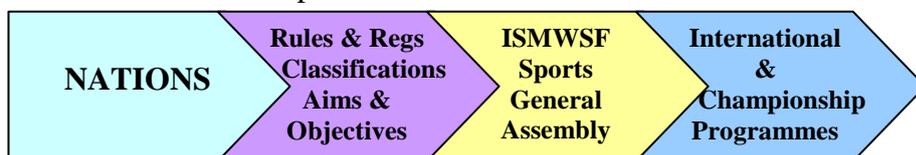
The 2004 Athens Paralympic Games are approaching fast. The Paralympic tournament in Greece will be different from Atlanta and Sydney, as the host country will not be participating in wheelchair rugby. Although the Wheelchair Rugby Executive has made good effort over the last few years, to develop Wheelchair Rugby in Greece and has establishing some communication connections and has forwarded information materials, the sport really did not catch the attention of the athlete and sport community in this country.

Numerous developmental clinics have been held over the course of the year 2001 in each Zone. The emphasis has been put on streamlining the interpretation of the rules between the Zones. There has been a significant step made in securing another country in South America. Chile has started to develop Wheelchair Rugby and assistance has been extended from the Wheelchair Rugby Executive in support of this. Presently, we are in the midst of making arrangements for holding a major developmental clinic sometime in February/March 2002. Similar situations take place with the USA assisting Mexico, in the hope of these countries joining the America Zone.

The Chairman of Wheelchair Rugby, Mr Pawel Zbieranowski, in his review of the period's experiences and in particular the debates between the countries and individuals related to the failed European Championships, has expressed his concern that particular interests are regarded as more important to some people than the whole and global picture of Wheelchair Rugby. This is not to say that the interest of the particular country or persons should be minimised. However, he has reiterated the need for a “global” approach based on fresh cooperation, communication and respect and states that the importance of full understanding of the administrative work and decision making process, which are crucial to the proper functioning of the sport internationally is just as important as developing the sport.

Cue Sports, Handcycling and Lawn Bowls

The wheelchair sports of Handcycling, Cue disciplines and Lawn Bowls maintain Championship and international programmes and have development objectives aimed at gaining/regaining Paralympic programme status. This is achieved through the singular endeavour of ISMWSF through volunteer expertise, provision of staffing support and delivered as membership service benefit to the nations.



Cue Sports

Some difficulty was experienced during the period under review related to the award and staging of Championships in the discipline of Wheelchair Pool. This resulted from the misinterpretation of the agreement with the World Pool Association (WPA), whereby WPA claimed authority and governance of the sport. This is an important issue to resolve to mutual satisfaction and safeguard the interests of wheelchair pool players on the international scene.

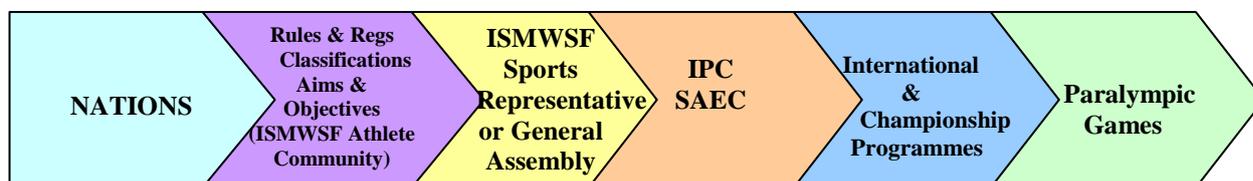
Handcycling

The sport of handcycling has struggled to organise itself at international level. However, IPC Cycling has given recognition to handcycling as a discipline within Cycling and ISMWSF has undertaken to support the development of handcycling within its programmes.

Several developmental clinics have taken place within the nations to promote the growth of a handcycling community network and to universalise the rules, regulations and classification system within the sport.

Lawn Bowls

The Invitational International Championships in Mojacar, Spain were smoothly run by the British Wheelchair Bowls Association and provided the opportunity for players from 10 nations to show their prowess in the sport. An open forum during the event identified the determination and cohesiveness of players, coaches and administrators to continue their campaign to develop participation levels and ultimately regain recognition at Paralympic level. A small, but committed group of enthusiastic volunteer Officers under the leadership of ISMWSF Lawn Bowls Chairman, Ian Blackmore, include the development of an international calendar, the increase to the number of participating nations and closer developmental ties with their able-bodied counterpart in Lawn Bowls as their main targets.



Other Sports

ISMWSF expertise and functions are also instrumental to the activities of other sports, termed IPC Championship sports: Archery, Equestrianism, Powerlifting, Shooting, Swimming and Table Tennis. This important and essential role is reflected in ISMWSF's continued presentation of opportunity for these sports to be included in our multi-sports Games programmes and in the activities undertaken by ISMWSF and its national members at grass roots athlete, volunteer, official and classifier recruitment and development levels. As recognised by the IPC in their organisational byelaws and reiterated by the IPC Sports Council, the IOSD (CP-ISRA, IBSA, INAS-FID, ISMWSF & ISOD) role is an integral part of the whole sports for disabled movement and is necessary for the continued success of the IPC and all sports.

Archery

As archery has chosen to amalgamate all its archers under the aegis of IPC, no separate ISMWSF meetings are held, but wheelchair archers' interests are still represented through ISMWSF representation on the IPC Archery Executive Committee. Unfortunately, no IPC Archery Executive Committee meetings have been held since Sydney. In addition, no IPC

Sports Assembly was held at the World Championships in Czech Republic this summer. Because of this, no decisions have been taken about the future.

There were two International events this year. The first was the European Indoor Championships in Belgium in February. This was very poorly attended due to countries not having much finance available after the Paralympics. There were a number of problems with the event, such as not totally adhering to the rules of the sport as practised by disabled archers, and no proper archery classifiers present. It is hoped that these problems can be addressed at an IPC Archery SAEC meeting. ISMWSF has expressed its concern to the IPC Sports Department with regard to the lack of current leadership of the IPC Archery SAEC, and it is crucial that opportunity is given to redress this situation. IPC Sports Department have given assurance that this will be a priority following the Salt Lake Winter Paralympic Games.

The second event was the World Outdoor Championships in Czech Republic in August. The event was reasonably well attended with 19 countries from 3 continents taking part and the competition organisation was excellent. Unfortunately, not enough care had been taken to ensure that the accommodation was fully wheelchair accessible and some countries had serious difficulties with this.

For the future, there is to be a European Championships in Poland next summer and a World Championships in Slovakia in 2003. The ISMWSF World Games in New Zealand in 2003 will also provide an excellent opportunity for archers aiming for the Paralympic Games in Athens and ISMWSF is working with IPC Archery to ensure that the most effective programme of events during the year of 2003 is available to all nations participating in the sport. The new classification system is now well established and is proving very successful.

In conclusion, every support is being given to IPC to strengthen the organisation and operation of the sport of archery, and Ann Webb, as the ISMWSF representative to the IPC Archery SAEC is diligent in ensuring that the needs and aims of wheelchair archers, the majority participant number, are well catered for within IPC objectives for the sport. With a stronger and more active leadership, the event management objectives of organising committees will be better directed to accommodate the practicalities involved with volume wheelchair participation. Every encouragement is being given to achieve these aims.

Badminton

The sport of Badminton is keen to establish a mutually beneficial working relationship between ISMWSF and the sport. Encouragement has been given to Badminton to make a presentation to the newly elected ISMWSF Executive Committee with a view to ISMWSF endorsing and assisting the sports development in the ISMWSF network of nations. Badminton has been identified as an invitational event on the 2003 World Games programme in New Zealand, and it is hoped that a close collaboration can continue to the benefit of disabled badminton players worldwide.

Swimming

During this period, much interaction has taken place between IPC Swimming and ISMWSF Swimming representative, Paul Gockel.

At the conclusion of the Sydney Paralympic Games, he became a co-opted member of the IPC Swimming technical sub-committee. Numerous issues have been developed, discussed, and implemented whilst being in this position. Some of these issues have included:

- The updating of the IPC Swimming Rule Book;
- The updating of a program of events for Paralympic Games, World and Regional Championships which appears in this rule book;

- Modification of rules within this rulebook for the benefit of all swimmers.

During the period in question, liaison was also had with IPC Swimming about the timing of the next World Wheelchair Games, having regard of the various international competitions that have been identified to date.

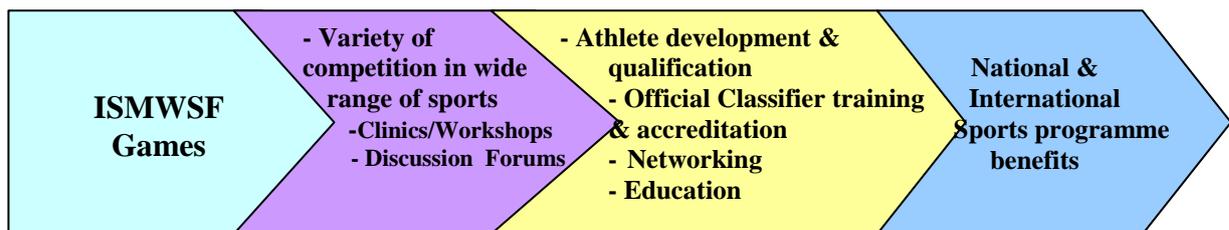
In June 2001, Paul Gockel was selected to attend the IPC Swimming Classification Seminar, which was held in conjunction with the EPC Swimming Championships in Stockholm, Sweden. As well as undertaking this course, the Seminar and Championships was an ideal opportunity for discussion on swimming matters with member countries of ISMWSF.

This is a productive collaboration between ISMWSF and IPC to the benefit of the sport and functionally classified swimmers.

Winter Sports

During the run up to the Winter Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City, several issues were brought to ISMWSF's attention in respect to the organisation of winter sports, and the participation of member nations within the sport. The Executive Committee of ISMWSF felt that there was a need to assist in the development and promotion of the sports, and in particular that of ice sledge hockey. This will be further explored in cooperation with the IPC Winter Sports SAECs whilst ISMWSF representatives are in Salt Lake City.

World Wheelchair Games



Christchurch, New Zealand 2003

Negotiations are currently being finalised for the World Games 2003. The period under review provided time for discussion and liaison on the preparatory stage for award of bid. The Contract signing is imminent and Christchurch, New Zealand will host the Games from October 25th to November 1st following on from their success in 1999.

The programme's emphasis will be to provide appropriate paralympic qualification situations in a wide range of sports, and will also include developing sports within the exhibition arena, and invitational events. All nations will shortly receive their invitations to this event

Strategy

Reviews of ISMWSF sports operational activities during the period have included:

- World Wheelchair Games programme and cycle
- Sport specific operations
- Development and Training objectives

The World Wheelchair Games programme and cycle is being addressed to ensure that the needs of the nations and sports continue to be accommodated within the climate of change and evolution facing the disability sports movement. This review will also take into account the projections of the Stoke Mandeville facility and the new operational targets to be established by the British Wheelchair Sports Foundation as the owners of the facility.

Review of the sports' operational capacities during the period led ISMWSF Executive to formulate a strategy to strengthen the coordination of singular sports activities, particularly in the area of development. Initially, we have worked with the Athletics Section to identify their operational needs and directed financial provision to support their objectives more effectively. It is planned to extend the strategy to encompass wheelchair rugby and fencing and operational plans will be developed in order to identify the most effective application of the budget now available for this purpose.

In addition to the sport specific reviews and strategy building, there has been a need to revise the function of the ISMWSF Sports (Technical) Officer to more effectively reflect the demand for focus on singular ISMWSF service delivery areas, primarily in relation to the World Wheelchair Games programme and further development of training and accreditation programmes in coaching, officiating and classification. The new position of Sports Services Officer will head up a Commission charged with formulating and implementing operational plans associated with this remit.

February 2002

HON TREASURER'S REPORT

BOB PATERSON

2000 Accounts

It has taken longer than usual to get these accounts in order, but we are now satisfied that the operational figures for Wheelchair Sports Worldwide activities both in Australia and the UK have been consolidated to reflect the true situation for the financial year of 2000.

It was necessary to restate the 1999 figures to facilitate the finalisation of this exercise and these are reflected in the consolidated financial reports from our Accountants, Messrs. Hillier Hopkins, which are enclosed.

The significant loss incurred during the year 2000 was a direct result of the Paralympics, when incomes to ISMWSF suffered as usual and the high, but largely expected, cost of travel and accommodation was an extra burden. The hire of meeting facilities for the use of ISMWSF members, its Executive and Technical Committees was much higher than expected and did not compare favourably with experiences in other venues.

2001 Position

There is a slight deficit in the region of £4,000 for the end of year 2001, which will come from reserves. The deficit situation has been eased through contributions from Wheelchair Sports Worldwide funds, although Wheelchair Sports Worldwide activities have not been as high as in 2000. The income from World Wheelchair Games capitation has been sorely missed this year once again and preferably we should be aiming to re-establish these on an annual basis or establishing alternative and regular sources of funds.

The focus of our staffed operational activities has been directed on delivering services to our nations and in supporting ISMWSF technical projects and competitions, Presidential and Executive activities, IPC matters and the protracted ISOD/ISMWSF amalgamation process.

Once again, the Secretariat has managed our limited resources in the most effective manner possible with great dedication.

The financial statements for the year 2001 will be sent out to the membership as information separate from this Annual Report.

Budget 2002

It has been a difficult exercise to draft a budget for 2002 due to the possible implications of an HQ bid situation and uncertainty about our accommodation at Stoke Mandeville. The draft budget being recommended by the ISMWSF Executive Management Committee for the Nations' approval therefore includes a contingency figure to cover a "worst case" scenario.

As income generation remains a challenge under present conditions, it was deemed prudent not to accommodate the recommendation of the ISMWSF Executive Committee to introduce an Officers' allowance for travel at this time. Although the Executive Management Committee supported in principle the recommendation made to provide paid sport-specific coordination personnel for the sports of Fencing, Rugby and Athletics, it was felt that the

Federation's financial resource could at best only support salary levels for these additional appointments to commence from July 2002. The draft budget being presented therefore includes these considerations.

In light of the circumstances outlined, and as the draft 2002 budget is, at this point, in a deficit situation, it is recommended that:

“A thorough review of the 2002 budget is undertaken in July 2002 by the new ISMWSF Executive, and the findings and recommendations reported to the Nations”

At that point a clearer picture of the financial implications involved with the Federation's operational function will be available as a basis for firmer budget projections.

Conclusion

Whilst it is imperative that we continue to monitor and control closely the Federation's finances, we have to keep in mind that the Federation is facing a period of change within its Executive structure. This will require changes in its staffed operational function to support the effective delivery of services, with inevitable increases in costs.

We are committed to achieving high productivity levels to provide the services our membership deserves. Our endeavours must additionally focus on maintaining and increasing our income and membership. We must maintain our annual Games programme and create the conditions to appoint dedicated staff to function in the area of fund generation and fundraising, to ensure that our income will enable us to support our objectives vigorously.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Paterson

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Accountants' Report to the Members on the Unaudited Accounts

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Reporting Accountants

As described on the balance sheet the directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2000 and they consider that the company is exempt from an audit and a report under section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

Basis of Opinion

Our work was conducted in accordance with Statement and Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the financial statements with the accounting records kept by the company and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed on our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
 - (i) the financial statements have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Companies Act 1985; and
 - (ii) the company satisfies the conditions for exemption from an audit of the financial statements for the year specified in section 249(4) of the Act

and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

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Hillier Hopkins
Chartered Accountants

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International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2000

| | Notes | 2000 | | 1999 | |
|---|-------|---------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Incoming resources | | | | | |
| | | | | As restated | |
| Capitation | | | 7,200 | | 39,680 |
| Membership and sanction fees | | | 49,600 | | 34,000 |
| Sanction fees | | | 5,470 | | 4,653 |
| Fund raising and donations | | | 30,265 | | 46,777 |
| Other operating income | | | 789 | | 8,339 |
| Investment income | | | 2,514 | | 1,904 |
| Total incoming resources | | | 95,838 | | 135,353 |
| Resources expended | | | | | |
| World Wheelchair Games | | 5,350 | | 2,374 | |
| Management and administration of Company's other principal activities | | 112,648 | | 94,247 | |
| | | | 117,998 | | 96,621 |
| Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year | 3 | | (22,160) | | 38,732 |
| Fund balances brought forward | | | 107,711 | | 68,979 |
| Fund balances carried forward | 8 | | £85,551 | | £107,711 |

International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2000

| | | 2000 | | 1999 | |
|---|---|------|---------|-------------|----------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | | | As restated | |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 5 | | 5,189 | | 4,387 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Cash in bank and in hand | | | 96,977 | | 113,710 |
| Debtors | 6 | | 16,666 | | 22,438 |
| | | | 113,643 | | 136,148 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 7 | | 33,281 | | 32,824 |
| Net current assets | | | | 80,362 | 103,324 |
| Net assets | | | | £85,551 | £107,711 |
| Accumulated funds | | | | | |
| General fund | 8 | | 63,346 | | 85,506 |
| Dr Nakamura's fund | 8 | | 1,863 | | 1,863 |
| Special fund | 8 | | 20,342 | | 20,342 |
| | | | | £85,551 | £107,711 |

For the financial year ended 31 December 2000 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 249A(2) Companies Act 1985, and no notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) Companies Act 1985. The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 Companies Act 1985 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and represent a summary of information from the Annual Accounts which were approved by the Executive Management Committee of the International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation on November 23 2001.

The International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation is a registered Charity No. 1011552 and a Company Limited by Guarantee No. 2713410.

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information, the full annual accounts and accountants report should be considered. Copies of the Board of Management and Financial Statements are available from: ISMWSF, Olympic Village, Guttman Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 9PP, UK.

The financial statements have been submitted to the Charities Commission and Registrar of Companies.

ISMWSF Budget 2002

| Income | | £ Sterling | |
|--------------------------------|--|------------|-------------------|
| General | | | |
| | Membership Fees | 47,500.00 | |
| | Capitation Fees (sport specific) | 8,000.00 | |
| | Capitation Fees (W.W. Games) | - | |
| | Event Management Service | - | |
| | Sport Sanction Fees | 3,000.00 | |
| | IPC Grant (Paralympic Programme Sports) | 6,000.00 | |
| | Sales | 200.00 | |
| | Interest on Investments | 1,500.00 | |
| | | | 66,200.00 |
| Projects | | | |
| | 50th Anniversary | 5,000.00 | |
| | Coaching & Education | - | |
| | Development & Training | - | |
| | IPC Grant (Development & Training) | 3,000.00 | |
| | Restricted Fund allocation from WSW | 2,000.00 | |
| | | | 10,000.00 |
| Fundraised | | | |
| | WSW Contribution to ISMWSF | 10,000.00 | |
| | General Grants | 4,000.00 | |
| | Donations | 6,000.00 | |
| | | | 20,000.00 |
| Reimbursements | | | |
| | from WSW (expense associated with marketing) | 3,500.00 | |
| | from ISOD (50% amalgamation expenses) | 1,000.00 | |
| | | | 4,500.00 |
| | | | 100,700.00 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| General | | | |
| | Salaries (HQ Staff & 3 Outreach part-time sport specific coordinators) | 70,000.00 | |
| | Office Costs | 3,500.00 | |
| | Equipment | 1,000.00 | |
| | Staff Training | 500.00 | |
| | | | 75,000.00 |
| Membership Services | | | |
| | Communications | 3,000.00 | |
| | Website development & maintenance | 2,000.00 | |
| | Project development | | |
| | 50th Anniversary | 500.00 | |
| | Development & Training | 3,000.00 | |
| | Coaching & Education | - | |
| | Restricted fund allocation | 2,000.00 | |
| | Publications (including Annual Report) | 500.00 | |
| | Event Management | - | |
| | World Wheelchair Games | - | |
| | | | 11,000.00 |
| Sports Services | | | |
| | Sport Sanction Fees | 3,000.00 | |
| | IPC Grant (Paralympic Programme Sports) | 6,000.00 | |
| | Sports Publications | - | |
| | Sport Specific staff expenses | 3,000.00 | |
| | | | 12,000.00 |
| Executive Services | | | |
| | ISMWSF General Assembly | 2,000.00 | |
| | Executive & Executive Management Meetings | 4,000.00 | |
| | Officers' Expenses | 1,000.00 | |
| | Other meetings attendance | - | |
| | Amalgamation expenses | 2,000.00 | |
| | | | 9,000.00 |
| Finance Service | | | |
| | Audit/Professional Services | 1,500.00 | |
| | Affiliations | 600.00 | |
| | Bank Charges | 250.00 | |
| | | | 2,350.00 |
| Marketing Service (WSW) | | | |
| | Expenses | 3,500.00 | |
| | | | 3,500.00 |
| | | | 112,850.00 |
| Contingency | | | |
| | to come from reserves | 30,000.00 | |

WHEELCHAIR SPORTS WORLDWIDE FOUNDATION REPORT



This Foundation was established in 1998 as the fundraising arm of the International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation . The Trustees and Officials for the period under report are as follows:

- Bob McCullough Chairman
- Dr John Grant Trustee
- Miss Joan Scruton Trustee
- Mr Andy Bowden Trustee
- Maura Strange Secretary

Patrons include:

- Professor Sir Harry Fang
- The Rt Hon The Lord McColl
- Dawn Fraser
- His Highness Sheikh ben Sultan Al Nahya
- Mrs Hiroko Nakamura

Activities 2000

The Foundation, in its formative years, has been heavily reliant on volunteer work and the support of the ISMWSF Secretariat. Despite not having the benefit of a full time staff person to raise the profile and desperately needed funds, the Foundation has made some progress.

Dawn Fraser's International Wheelchair Sports Awards 2000

This event took place on December 6th 2000 at the Palladium Crown in Melbourne, Australia. The awards went well but did not make as much profit as the event held in Sydney in 1999. However, the Awards in 2000 made a \$12,750 Australian profit (£4,705 sterling) for W.S.W. funds.

Melbourne have expressed a wish to host the event again another year.

WSW Magazine

In February 2000 an agreement was established with Media Liaison Group Pty Ltd and W.S.W, a company based in Australia, for the printing and distribution of the Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Magazine. The agreement covered a quarterly issue with a 5,000 copy print run. Media Liaison Group Pty, Ltd pay Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation

\$1,000 Australian on the publication of each issue. The first issue of the magazine was published in time for the Paralympic Games in Sydney - October 2000.

Purchasing of Fencing Frames

Whilst at the Sydney Paralympic Games, the Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation purchased 10 fencing frames from SOCOG on behalf of ISMWSF's Fencing Committee's objective to develop and promote the sport in new countries.

Product Endorsements

The endorsement with Rolac Ramps continues to bring in funds on a quarterly basis to the Foundation.

A new Endorsement agreement was signed on 13 September 2000 with Powersport International Limited, a company manufacturing a fitness equipment range which is fully accessible for disabled user. This agreement is for a period of four years with a review every twelve months. Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation receive an exclusivity fee of £3,000 with a royalty of 3% of the wholesale price of each product sold by Powersport International through non UK and Eire markets.

Trustees Meetings

A meeting was held in May 2000 with all Trustees present.

Financial

The consolidated Financial Statements for the UK and Australian accounts ending 31 December 2000 follow this short report.

Summary

The Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation, as the fundraising arm of the International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation must, as soon as possible seek the necessary paid human resource to enable the Foundation to seek financial and other support for the ISMWSF.

Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation

Accountants' Report to the Trustees

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2000.

In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us

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Hillier Hopkins
Chartered Accountants

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Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation

Statement of Financial Activity for the year Ended 31 December 2000

| <u>Incoming resources</u> | <u>Notes</u> | 2000 | 15 months to 31.12.99 | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations - restricted | | - | | | 16,761 |
| - unrestricted | | 3,546 | | | 25,337 |
| Sponsorship and Endorsements | | 2,553 | | | - |
| Courses and seminars | | - | | | 5,980 |
| Dawn Fraser Sports Awards | | 8,543 | | | |
| Sundry income | | 789 | | | 175 |
| Interest receivable | | 118 | | | 20 |
| Total incoming resources | | <u>15,549</u> | | | <u>48,273</u> |
| | | | | | |
| <u>Resources expended</u> | | | | | |
| Management and administration of the charity | 2 | 9,690 | | 1,472 | |
| Fund raising and publicity | 3 | <u>2,254</u> | | <u>19,823</u> | |
| | | | 11,944 | | 21,295 |
| | | | | | |
| Net incoming resources for the year/period | | <u>£3,605</u> | | | <u>£26,978</u> |

Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2000

| | | 2000 | | 1999 | |
|--|---|---------|--------|---------|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>Current assets</u> | | | | | |
| | | 24,771 | | 39,024 | |
| Cash in bank and in hand | | | | 427 | |
| Other debtors | 4 | 943 | 25,714 | 39,451 | |
| | | | | | |
| <u>Creditors:</u> Amounts falling due | | | | | |
| within one year | 5 | | 496 | 14,288 | |
| | | | | | |
| Net assets | | £25,218 | | £25,163 | |
| | | | | | |
| <u>Funds</u> | | | | | |
| Event Management | 6 | | 6,450 | 10,000 | |
| Secretariat | 6 | | 6,761 | 6,761 | |
| General | 6 | | 12,007 | 8,402 | |
| | | £25,218 | | £25,163 | |

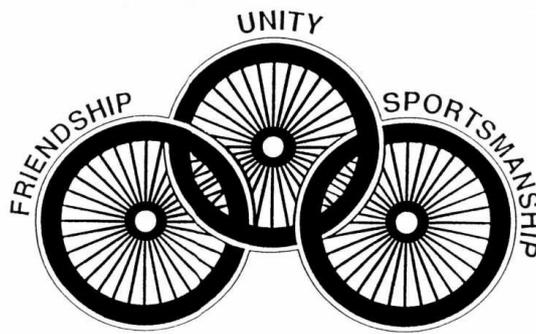
Wheelchair Sports Worldwide Foundation

Income & Expenditure Account year ended 31 December 2000

| | 2000 | | 1999 | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | | 15 months | |
| <u>Income</u> | | | | |
| Sponsorship | | 2,553 | | - |
| Donations - restricted | | - | | 16,760 |
| Donations - unrestricted | | 3,546 | | 25,337 |
| Courses & seminars | | - | | 5,980 |
| Dawn Fraser Sports Awards | | 8,543 | | - |
| Sundry | | 789 | | 175 |
| Interest | | 118 | | 21 |
| | | 15,549 | | 48,273 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | |
| Marketing consultants | - | | 7,500 | |
| Marketing expenses | 371 | | 2,483 | |
| Dawn Fraser Sports Awards | 1,883 | | - | |
| Printing | - | | 1,345 | |
| Public relations | - | | 1,208 | |
| Conferences/seminars | - | | 1,328 | |
| Gratuities | - | | 250 | |
| Publications | - | | 580 | |
| Telephone | - | | 235 | |
| Bank charges | 51 | | 44 | |
| Motor and travel expenses | - | | 5,129 | |
| Sundry | 360 | | 928 | |
| Accountancy | 500 | | 100 | |
| Foreign exchange difference | 588 | | 165 | |
| Salary cost recharged from ISMWSF | 8,191 | | - | |
| | | 11,944 | | 21,295 |
| Surplus for the year/period | | £3,605 | | £26,978 |

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