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# INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR & AMPUTEE SPORTS FEDERATION

## List of Serving Officers during the Period

### **President**

*Mr. Paul DePace, USA*

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*Mr. Juan Palau Francas, ESP*

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*Mr. Seyed Amir Hosseini, IRI, - Marketing Officer*

*Mr. Rudi Van Den Abbeele, FRA – Sports Services*

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*Ms. Radka Kucirkova, CZE*

### **Secretary General/Executive Director**

*Ms. Maura Strange – GBR*

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*Mr. Bob Paterson – GBR*

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*Mr John Teunissen, Chair, Electric Wheelchair Hockey - NED*

*Mr. Huang Chung-Jeng, Chair, Cue Sports – TPE*

*Mr. Alberto Martinez Vassallo, Chair Wheelchair Fencing – ESP*

*Mr. Alf Boyle, Chair, Lawn Bowls - AUS*

*Mr. Glyn Hibbert, Powerlifting Representative – GBR*

*Mr. Brad Mikkelsen, Chair, Wheelchair Rugby – USA*

*Mr. Paul Gockel, Swimming Representative – AUS*

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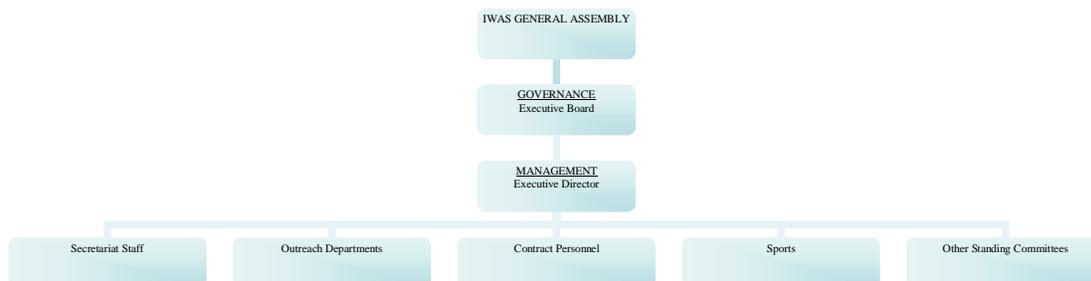
## PRESENTATION OF REPORT – BY PAUL DEPACE, PRESIDENT

The International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) is a Charitable Company (limited by Guarantee and registered in England and Wales with Companies House (2713410) and the Charity Commission (1011552).

IWAS is obliged to produce and file Annual Reports for Companies House and the Charity Commission as well as its membership. IWAS therefore produces two separate reports which together cover all requirements – a comprehensive Annual Financial Report on the Charity's Accounts, which is audited by the firm of Hillier Hopkins, and this Annual Operational Report, which covers all the activities of the Federation.

It should be noted, however, that there are new reporting practices (as disclosed in SORP 2005) and being a smaller Charity, the Federation falls below the audit threshold of £500,000 sterling. The Executive Board is currently considering whether a full audit will be carried out in the future.

## IWAS ORGANISATION CHART



The Executive Board meet at least once a year face to face and conducts regular teleconference meetings and electronic voting by email. The Executive Board is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Charity.

### **Recruitment & Election of Executive Board**

The Directors of the Company, who are also Trustees for the purposes of charity law under the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are known as the members of the Executive Board.

The composition of the new Executive Board to run the amalgamated organisation of ISMWSF and ISOD under its new name of IWAS was identified for the period 2005-2009. A call for nominations was made by the Charity's Secretary General in accordance with the Federation's Memorandum & Articles of Association

(Constitution). Elections were held at the Charity's Quadrennial Assembly of members for the President, Vice President and 6 Members at Large; the positions of Secretary General and Hon. Treasurer were appointed by the Executive Board and ratified by the Assembly.

The Charity's focus is providing sporting opportunity for persons with a physical disability. As such, the Executive Board members seek to ensure that the needs of this group are reflected through the diversity of the Trustees, with all members having a background in one of more aspects of sport governance and/or management and 4 of these additionally being ex athletes.

Personal and business skills of Executive Board members are taken into account when allocating portfolio/job descriptions. An annual assessment of members' performances is undertaken.

### **Trustee Induction & Training**

Every opportunity is taken at events and meetings to provide new trustees with familiarisation sessions about the Charity and the context in which it operates. All members are posted updates sent by the Charity Commission to keep them up to date with current affairs and their legal and financial responsibilities.

### **Risk Management**

The Executive Board recognises its obligation to conduct a review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. This has resulted in implementing a contingency policy for the Charity's reserves:

**To retain in reserves the minimum level needed to cover staff redundancies should the Federation no longer have the financial means to continue operations. Currently, this is in the sum of £45,000 based on actual salary levels to cover redundancies and associated tax and pension payments.**

In view of the change in staffing which has occurred in mid-2007, the reserves contingency will be reviewed and reduced to be in line with the present situation during the forthcoming Executive Board meetings in September 2007.

The implementation of procedures for authorisation and review by members to minimise internal control risks is under consistent monitor. Compliance with health and safety of staff and visitors to the HQ offices is managed by the Charity's Office Manager.

Further reviews of potential risk areas are undertaken on a regular basis and the comprehensive Games Event risk management exercise undertaken by HQ staff has resulted in establishment of contract principles and new bidding undertakings designed to strengthen IWAS indemnification from financial risk.

During 2007, the HQ and Finance Committee have also been monitoring and assessing the risk status of outreach sub-accounts. Recommendation in this area will be considered by the Executive Board in September in order to minimise risk and facilitate effective audit of all financial affairs of the Federation.

Respectfully submitted  
Paul DePace  
IWAS President

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is an honour for me to be able to present to you this Biennial report on the political standing and general development of our International Federation IWAS, since our last Quadrennial General Assembly in September 2005, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

The fundamental force and the development power that our Federation is exercising, both at a general level within the paralympic movement and at a specific level within our member nations, does not come as a surprise to us as members of the Executive Board. The amalgamation of ISMWSF and ISOD represents a total success and a powerhouse internationally. The maturity and experiences of the representatives of the two previous Federations culminated in a democratic process of election of the new Executive with our President Mr. Paul DePace as the head and with the invaluable executive management of Ms. Maura Strange, we have consolidated a structure of development of sports for wheelchair, amputee and Les Autres athletes at world level and in collaboration with the IPC and the IOSDs.

On the strategies developed in this period I would like to highlight the following:

A consolidation of a sport calendar, with the staging of the IWAS World Games every 2 years and the establishment of the IWAS Junior Games, as main actions of our political process of developing grass root sport at world level to serve our member countries. Example of this politics is the number of participants and member countries that have increased in the Junior Games programme, inaugurated at Stoke Mandeville, until the last one that took place in Johannesburg (South Africa) in March/April 2007 where the number of participating countries and athletes almost doubled.

The establishment of Regional Offices that have been added to that of West Asia located in Iran. This Office was already working from the period of amalgamation with headquarters in Teheran and with the total support of the Iranian Sports Federation for the Disabled and the Paralympic Committee, a superb example of cooperation both nationally and internationally. This has created a blue print for our Executive to follow and establish new localizations in our geographical areas of influence.

In this last period we are working to consolidate offices in the European Region, in Copenhagen (Denmark), in Africa, in South Africa and in South America, and we are hopeful that our presence in China-Taipei causes opportunities for the development of an Office in this Region.

Departmental consolidation in our International Federation brings increased network resources and technical capacity potential for the development of our services to the member nations.

The Headquarters: As base of operations of all our support resources, event management, membership services and development initiatives. I would like to take advantage of this occasion to sincerely thank and congratulate Ms. Kim Garner, our

Office Manager, who has left her functions in July to begin a new life in Canada, without her most probably the day by day work of the Federation would not have been possible, her great work and dedication has made our work much easier and more practical. Kim thanks very much for all and you will always be in our heart.

Now it is the moment to welcoming our new Office Manager Ms. Charmaine Hooper, who will continue her predecessor's example with the unconditional support of all us.

Games Technical Manager: represented by the indefatigable and appreciated work of Jan Bockweg who is carrying out his contracted function with an unquestionable experience. His presence will surely mean improved coordination of our technical resources and experts at the Federation's multi sport Games. It should be remembered too that Jan is also contracted as the IWAS Athletics Coordinator and works with the Athletics Executive to achieve their objectives. In this latter role he has created databases to the benefit of IPC, IWAS, member organisations and their athletes and has indicated that he has the technological capacity to introduce Track and Field Athletes' ID Cards.

Marketing Area: with the coordination of our Marketing Officer Seyed Amir Hosseini who is marking a stamp of identity and of quality in his functions endowing to the Federation of an area that seemed to have been closed by the events, but that Mr. Hosseini has demonstrated can be developed extensively and fruitfully for the benefit of our Federation and its Member Countries.

Sport Sciences and Medical Committee: with my good friend Dr. Oriol Martínez as Chairman, this Committee has endowed to our Federation with a high international prestige in the Sport Sciences & Medical fields. But this work is not a fruit of one day; this department has been working in a very professional way for several years, and with an experience of all its members in all areas, medical, scientific and of an Anti-doping policy.

To have established some roads of collaboration and of interrelation with the IPC Medical Committee in a very narrow way and cohesive that facilitates, in all these aspects, the development and the established services to our countries, and the respect and prestige before the international sport institutions and that of Anti Doping control. Congratulations and gratefulness to all members for their constant and tenacious work.

But an objective report should also show the debit side to reflect those weaker aspects of our organization on which the Executive Board should expend increased effort in the future to guarantee our consolidation in the paralympic movement. Among these aspects I would highlight the following:

Positioning inside the structure of the IPC and of the paralympic movement: Our International Federation for experience in the paralympic movement and for the great representation of sports, sportsmen/women and members nations at world level the positioning politics should lead in the structure of the IPC, developing all the stocks of the IOSD's Council of which it is an active part and where it should continue carrying out an energetic task and of leadership; developing extensive programs, and in all the possible environments, of development and support of the adapted sport in the nations, to develop sport programmes of promotion that are the driving models for high competition sport.

And finally being the social and moral conscience of our athletes, sports and member countries that claim in all the international forums that without a base of strong promotion the pyramidal structure that takes to the high-level sport cannot be sustained with balance.

Consolidation of our Main Office: our Federation should be aware that our development success is based on the necessity to have a stable foundation, so much at level of physical space as of personal endowment and material. Our future project is sustained, in a very significant way, in a secure Secretariat (HQ) that is the benchmark of all our departments and member countries; and that with expert staff with enough technological means, be the "lighthouse-guide" of all our resources, desires and projects of our future development.

Finally, but no less importantly, endowment of enough annual budgets: This is tightly bound to the two previous points. This is the more difficult aspect to guarantee, but at the same time the one on which all the success of our organization depends. Due to the great importance that the IOSDs have as the source of sport and of sportsmen and women on whom the whole paralympic movement is sustained, IPC should take the responsibility, so that this source remains durable, of endowing economically with enough means to the IOSDs so that they carry out their development task.

On the other hand, the IWAS members nations should become aware that without an international leadership they will not be able to realise their development potentials, therefore our members nations should sustain with their annual and indispensable quotas this supra-national structure that is marked and defined as a motor of the development of the sports for athletes in wheelchair, amputees and Les Autres in the world.

As final reflection I would like to finish by saying that if all the national organizations are conscious of their responsibility to serve athletes with physical disabilities in the world, jointly with the International Federations (IOSDs) and the IPC, they have insured their future and also the future of adapted sport worldwide. I encourage to all those implied: athletes, technicians, officials, national organizations to reaffirm us once again that our work is EXEMPLARY, INDISPENSABLE AND FAIR.

Respectfully submitted  
Juan Palau Francas  
IWAS Vice President

# SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

## **Introduction**

The Executive Director/Secretary General is accountable for the management function of the Federation. The management function is responsible for the direct implementation of the Federation's strategic plan, policies and the delivery of its goals and as such reports to the Executive Board. The Executive Director is an ex officio member of the IWAS Executive Board, but is not a trustee of the Federation. The Executive Director/Secretary General is directly answerable to the President of the Federation.

Until such time as the Federation realises a full complement of staffing and contracted personnel within HQ, Regions, Sports and outreach departments commensurate with management delivery objectives, the management function continues to be met with the support of elected Officers, Sports, Standing and Ad hoc Committees and individual appointments. The present Secretariat staffing situation remains at the same level as 1993 and is composed of: Executive Director, Office Manager and Finance Administrator (1 morning per week). Outreach departmental and contracted personnel reporting to HQ are: Athletics Coordinator and Games' Technical Manager and West Asian Regional Office Manager.

At this point, I would like to take the time to recognise 14 years loyal service from Kim Garner, our Office Manager who is going to pastures new and a different life in Canada this August, and welcome Charmaine Hooper as her replacement.

## **Purpose**

To report on all activities under the responsibility of management, as well as any interface with other organisations/committees related to the IWAS Strategic Plan and delivery of associated goals during the period under review and to put forward ideas and recommendations regarding the Federation's operation for the coming period.

## **Report**

The amount of work undertaken by the staff, contracted personnel and sport experts in the year since our last Annual Report of 2005/6 continues to astound in both capacity and quality. The rate of productivity not only matches, but often outweighs that of a similar organisation with 400% plus more professional staff. We continue to take strategic steps to expand our professional resource through establishment of special situations with outreach workers and consultants working with the HQ on a pro-bono/nominal fee basis.

I believe that the momentum created by our new, but increasingly identifiable banner of "IWAS" is carrying us forward rapidly, positively and productively.

Our business is sport and opportunity for athletes with a physical disability on a global basis from grass roots to elite. We have not only sustained our objectives, but continue to improve and expand their application.

The period under review commenced with World Championships in 2006 and is carrying us through the qualification period for Beijing 2008. Our operations therefore have focussed on the events that are the pinnacle for each athlete's personal and sport specific objectives. In our last report you were able to see how well in particular the two IWAS paralympic programme sports – the traditional gentleman's sport of fencing and the younger aggressive sport of wheelchair rugby - delivered their respective World Championship events.

The key events during the period under review has therefore been to focus on the Beijing Qualification period and delivering qualification opportunities alongside our regular and constructive activities aimed based on our strategic plan objectives.

### **HQ Services**

The HQ and outreach departments encompass all operational activities of the Federation. We work in concert with all sports in our programmes, Organising Committees, Sports Services, Sports Science & Medical, International Paralympic Committee, IWAS Executive Board and of course our member nations to deliver the main functions as described in the Strategic Plan:

- Provision of services to members/partners
- Provision of competitive opportunity at both sport specific and Games levels
- Provision of development, education, training and accreditation programmes
- Governance of associated principles, policies, rules and regulations

During the period under review, staffing personnel at HQ have been able to focus on promoting our key skill areas in event management to provide further support and assistance in a wide range of competitive opportunity. We therefore now offer an entry coordination service to potential Games Organising Committees. This key knowledge area built up from many years experience is proving to be a boon to Organisers and indeed worked very well for our Junior Games programme this year in South Africa. In addition to this new service, we are also making plans for the delivery of other key services from an event management perspective.

We continue to refine, apply and monitor the policies and procedures associated with our regular services and note that there is a marked increase in the number of official events within IWAS programmes from the exercises undertaken by the HQ in respect to bid, award and contracts.

### **Strategic Plan**

We continue to refer to the plan 2006-2010, which is the backbone of all IWAS initiatives, activities, services and programmes.

### **IWAS Games' programmes**

**Regional** – the investment made by IWAS with the strong and active support of the IR of Iran Federation of Sport for the Disabled is bearing fruit with a Regional Development Forum successfully delivered in November 2006 in Tehran, Iran. Mr Seyed Yousef Mousavinasab, our West Asian Regional Office Manager worked diligently in pursuit of success and through the network being established already has in hand the offer from the United Arab Emirates Althiqa Club for the Handicapped to hold a further Regional Athletics meet in December 2007.

Development was really the message of this Development Forum and as well as the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and comments on needs for the Region, a key attraction was for the nations participating to also be involved in an Athletics Tournament

Plans are in hand to:-

- Continue to build on the Development Forum situation to move towards multi-sport Regional Games on a regular basis for the future
- Finalise the 4 year development plan for the Region
- Apply the blueprint developed from these activities to start a similar department covering the East Asia Region

Further detail in regard to the above objectives will be dealt with during an Asian Forum to be held during the forthcoming IWAS World Games in Taiwan this September.

**Junior** – IWAS has continued to progress objectives in respect to Junior event programming, and Junior Games 2007 were held in Johannesburg, South Africa, expanding the programme from Athletics only to Athletics and Swimming. The opportunity was taken, with the support of the LOC, the South African Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (SASAPD), to also offer a Lawn Bowls International Championships. With the addition of an IWAS Games Technical Manager, Jan Bockweg, to the IWAS HQ team, we were well able to constructively build upon the framework already established through the 2005/6 review of bidding and award procedures, and progress our objectives in this respect to encompass 2008 and 2009 bids.

At the time of writing, HQ management recommendations related to the two bids received from Switzerland and the USA have resulted in 2008 Games being awarded to the USA; with Switzerland's bid running a very close second, we have offered a 2009 event for their consideration. Member nations will be provided with further detail at the General Assembly.

**World** – at the time of writing, we are looking forward to the IWAS World Wheelchair & Amputee Games being held in Chinese Taipei, 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September. We have had the pleasure of working alongside a very industrious team from the Chinese Taipei Paralympic Committee, and look forward to good standard World Games and the opportunity for ranking and qualifications for Beijing.

We have reaffirmed our commitment to the inclusion of new sports for the more severely disabled, highlighted the mandatory sports for the World Games programme, consulted with non-IWAS sport to provide opportunity for their inclusion and left space for Organising Committees' own choice of sport. In addition to the fact that the Games are designed to meet pre-paralympic and post-paralympic membership needs, we feel that nations and their athletes will find great benefit from this multi-sport opportunity on a biennial basis.

The bidding process for 2009 World Wheelchair & Amputee Games is already open and I take the opportunity to encourage intimation of bids being made to the IWAS HQ so that these can be processed as soon as possible. Please use the IWAS website to investigate terms and conditions and send a brief outline to IWAS HQ on [info@iwasf.com](mailto:info@iwasf.com) so that we can assist you further.

## **Sports Services**

Under the IWAS strategic plan, the demand for more coordinated activity on a sport specific and multi-sport basis in the area of development and coordination was clearly evidenced from within the nations. The Sports Services Committee was developed to work alongside sports, nations and regions as an initiative to fill the lack of resource in coordination essential to increased and more effective infrastructure construction for new and/or provisional sport sections and interface on objectives of the Federation's development strategies.

The Sports Services Committee report presented by its Chair, Rudi van den Abbeele is included in this Annual Report.

## **Development**

IWAS prioritises development and has created a thread in its operational functions linking development aspects into the majority of its programmes and projects.

Development is a word which can carry different meanings according to different contexts, and we must remember that the key to IWAS existence is development. That we have progressed development in some areas is obvious – eg the International Stoke Mandeville Games are now the Paralympic Games. However, the basic premise of the ISMG remains as strong today as it did at the beginning – organisational development, resource development, the need for development of youth, the need for sport specific development, the need for development of pathway from grass roots to elite, within underdeveloped nations or regions – the list is never ending and remains a challenge we all endeavour to meet on a daily basis.

It is true to say that “development” cannot remain the total responsibility or jurisdiction of one organisation or one sport. What we must truly be accountable for, is creating solidarity in principles and standards which we can all buy into, an identification of the different aspects of the term “development” and how it can be delivered to support our nations' athlete constituency, concerted effort to create realistic resource levels and a clear desire to collaborate and contribute at a sustainable level. Development is not, and never has been a one-off situation or answer.

IWAS has policies and strategies that are broad-based and encompassing all aspects of the term “development” – through the Sports Services Committee, through the individual sports, through Games programmes etc and it is at the forefront of all our operations.

Whilst Sports Services has supported the emergence of Electric Wheelchair Hockey and has worked with them to facilitate a series of development opportunities, staff at HQ and a very industrious group from Electric Wheelchair Hockey has focussed on preparation of necessary infrastructure and documentation to be in a position to move the sport from provisional status to full status as an IWAS sport section. The documentation to support the principles and activities of the sport will be presented to the IWAS Executive Board for consideration of ratification as “IWAS Electric Wheelchair Hockey” during our meetings in Chinese Taipei.

Development of sport technical infrastructure continues throughout all IWAS sports and is supported by the fact that we have now negotiated liability insurance for appointed technical and classification personnel, as arranged by the IWAS HQ.

Our leadership development objective is supported through our knowledge transfer strategy and is already bearing fruit in the HQ. We have also linked this burgeoning knowledge and experience into technological advancement and development. Currently, together with Charmaine, and with the support of professional, but pro-bono IT experts, I am working with a Steering Group to explore the potential and viability of a games event management system as well as investigating bolt-on applications such as athlete entry verification and identification through classification. We feel that this could shortly become a product for co-marketing and sales to benefit our member nations and their local and national meets in single or multi-sport situations at low cost but major returns. The consistency in application on a global basis would in turn facilitate report, results and recording of appropriate information to further support recognition of athlete achievement at all levels.

We should also mention, amongst the many other development initiatives taken throughout the period under review, the development project supported through IPC, IWAS, member nation and Ludwig Guttman Paraplegic Sport Foundation (LGPSF) funding. This project is aimed at expanding the infrastructure of the sport of Wheelchair Fencing through education, training and accreditation of Classifiers. The first seminar took place in Lonato, Italy in May 2007 and the second seminar will take place in Paris, France later this year.

### **Branding**

The projection of our logo and name is continuing to keep our profile at the top tier internationally for International Disability Sports Federations. It is to be said that the new branding across the IWAS family operations and programmes is bringing a more cohesive and ultimately more recognisable look to who we are and what we do. We are extremely pleased with the progress being made in this area and look forward to increasingly positive benefit to the Federation and its membership.

I reported last time on the new web-site and, although progress has admittedly been slower than anticipated to get all detail available at one go, the endeavour of Kim Garner in delivering the skeleton framework will continue to be built upon by her replacement Charmaine Hooper.

We are also slowly building up a uniform culture within sports with supplies of badges, blazers and polo shirts, through the valued assistance of our Marketing Officer, Mr Amir Hosseini, to make key personnel instantly identifiable at events.

### **Relationship with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)**

IWAS has continued to reaffirm its commitment to the goals of the IPC in relation to the Paralympic Games and movement. As an indication of our desire to contribute and reinforce the paralympic movement and recognising a similar objective from the IPC, we have continued our discussions with the President and CEO of IPC in respect to our position paper, primarily to mutually resolve potential conflict areas and increase our possibilities for close and mutually beneficial co-operations.

A meeting in May of 2007 focused on our shared objectives in respect to Athletics within the paralympic movement and a MOU is currently under discussion so that athletes can take advantage of IOSD generated programmes as well as IPC only programmes and ensure that recognition and opportunity is as wide based as possible and the sourcing of experience, expertise and delivery channels are properly authorised and recognised.

The President and I, on behalf of the IWAS Executive Board, also serve on the IPC IOSD's Council as a consultative and support mechanism to the IPC Governing Board.

We also continue to work very closely with the IPC in respect to the IWAS Paralympic programme sports of Wheelchair Rugby and Fencing. This is a demanding role and responsibility that absorbs the resources of our sport management professionals both pro-bono and staff on a regular basis in order to deliver first-class programmes for our rugby players and fencers in Beijing. The Memorandums of Understanding with the Beijing Olympic Organising Committee (BOCOG) are slowly being developed and signed off. This document will be the blue print outlining the commitments the key stakeholders IPC, BOCOG and IWAS are prepared to make to the success of the Games.

### **Policy, Principle and Regulation Review**

As reported last year, my review of the majority of IWAS policies and principles has continued throughout the period 2006/7 to ensure that appropriate regulations are in place and effectively support operations in all areas of the Federation's activities on behalf of the member nations.

The Federation's Handbook is now nearing completion, awaiting only the Finance Committee's review and recommendation.

### **Membership**

Members will recall that I reported on the difficulties some national organisations are experiencing in respect to changing roles and responsibilities. This situation together with the changes that are occurring due to sport independency from IPC and the impact on national infrastructures prompted my recommendation to the Executive Board for a review of Membership levels and entitlements. At the March meeting of the Executive Board, a Working Group was set up to take on this responsibility and report back to the Executive Board. I am sure that we look forward to their report and policy recommendations to ensure that IWAS keeps pace with the changing international arena.

I am pleased also to report that our membership remains at a stable 65 + level and with a few more countries to be ratified into membership this coming September at the General Assembly, I see no reason why we should not be meeting a 70+ target for 2008.

I am always pleased to report on the productive and collaborative relations we share with our member organisations and I believe we have demonstrated good response, support and involvement with member nations in activities at all levels.

As I close this report on the period September 2006 to September 2007, I include other positive notes for our future operations and take the opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to:

- The Ludwig Guttmann Paraplegic Sports Foundation for their donations this year to our WC Fencing Classifier, Education & Training Programme
- The International Paralympic Committee for similarly contributing to the WC Fencing Classifier Education & Training Programme
- UK Sport Council for their support of office facility and international representatives grants
- Net Tech Srl for their value-in-kind offer to provide us with software systems development and support
- Daphne Samuels for her fundraising efforts and donation

Respectfully submitted  
Maura Strange  
Secretary General/Executive Director

## MEMBERS AT LARGE REPORTS

### **Sports Science & Medical Officer**

In my capacity as IWAS Medical Officer, it is an honour for me to present this report to the members of the IWAS General Assembly of nations for their approval, detailing the activities of the Sports Science and Medical Committee during the period January 2006 to July 2007,

#### **1) Main work actions of the Medical Officer in this period**

The main action during this period has been the establishment of the new IWAS Sports Sciences and Medical Committee (SS&MC) and the appointment of new members to the Executive Committee until the next election in the year 2009.

1.1. Following the SS&MC Meeting the following membership of the SS&MC until the year 2009 was proposed to the Executive Board:

Dr. Oriol Martínez - IWAS Medical Officer and Chair of the Sport Sciences and Medical Committee.

Mr. Antonio Pascual (Spain) – responsible for the IWAS Anti-Doping Sub-committee.  
Both already ratified by the EB. (February 2006)

Dr. Luca Michelini (Italy) - representing the IWAS Paralympic Sports

Dr. Bassam Qasrawi (Kuwait) - representative of the IWAS countries members.

Dr. Rafael Martínez-Cayere (Puerto Rico) - representative of other IWAS sports.

1.2. Work Systems SS&MC during this period to end 2007

It is proposed that the SS&MC will act as " Collegiate Organ", with the exception of Anti-Doping Control's area, with the Medical Officer responsible to assign work or activities to one or several of the members to develop or to solve specific actions.

The two proposals (1.1 & 1.2.) were approved at the ordinary meeting of the IWAS Executive Board, held at the end of March in Madrid (Spain)

1.3. Development of the Anti-Doping Programme of IWAS Official Events.

During this period contracts have been developed for Organizing Committees to establish the quantities and systems of Anti-Doping Control in IWAS Official Events, following the requirements of the Executive Board I laid down in 2005.

Currently the SC&MC, represented by Mr. Toni Pascual, responsible for the IWAS Anti-Doping Sub-committee, and myself as IWAS Medical Officer together with Ms. Maura Strange, IWAS Secretary General, is re-defining the guidelines in respect to the number of controls, according to the type and characteristic of an IWAS official competition, by type and number of sports, number of athlete participants, and whether a junior or senior competition. We shortly will communicate this updated guidance to all the IWAS members

1.4. Specific projects of IWAS Sports Science and Medical Committee.

During this period a project has been started specifically for the development of a Functional Classification Proposal for Electric Wheelchair Hockey. This was first submitted in October 2006 to the sport section ICEWH for its study and further development.

### 1.5. WADA documentation revisions during 2006 / 07

During this year in conjunction with the IWAS Secretariat various documents received from WADA have been revised:

World Anti-doping New Code (principal), especially in:

- Legal situations
- Review sanctions
- Standard controls and selection procedures

- Devices of Hypoxia (Hypobaric cameras)
- Revision of the International Standard for Laboratories

### 1.6. Programme meetings held within the SS&MC

- Anti-doping sub-committee meetings: 6 (Barcelona, Spain)
- Anti-doping Hearing: 1 (Phone-conference).
- Classification Appeal Hearing: 1 (Phone-conference).
- IWAS SS&MC Annual Meeting: 1 (Zaragoza, Spain), November 2006

### 1.7. Scientific activities during 2006 / 07:

- International Journeys to Adapted Sport in Zaragoza (Spain). Representing the IWAS SS&MC:- Dr. Luca Michellini and Dr. Oriol Martínez.
- Collaboration in the organization and development of the 2nd International Conference in Adapted Sports - CIDA 2007, which took place in March in Málaga (Spain). Participating for IWAS - Mr. Juan Palau, IWAS Vice-President and Dr. Oriol Martínez, IWAS Medical Officer.

### 2) Anti-Doping programme – Follow - up Process 2006 / 2007

During this period the IWAS Anti-doping Subcommittee has supervised the following controls with the following results:

#### 2.1. Official Anti-doping Controls 2006/07:

91 (36 W-rugby, 31 W-Fencing, 24 World Junior Games: Ireland 06 / South Africa 07)

(\*) 1 positive to Cannabis, coming from final controls 2005 in Wheelchair Fencing

#### 2.2. Adverse Anti-Doping Result “Hearing”

1 W-Fencing – Sanctioned (2006).

#### 2.3. TUE's procedure:

31 procedures (27 approved, 4 provisional / incomplete, 0 not approved).

### 3) Future work proposals for the IWAS Sport Sciences and Medical Committee

After the Annual SS&MC Meeting, taken which took place in November 2006, the following items were proposed for 2007:

- Lend service according to IWAS Anti-doping Code: Anti-Doping controls, Educational Programme and TUE Procedures
- Development of the Educational Anti-Doping Programme during 2007 / 09, especially in the IWAS Junior Games to be held during this period, as specific education for young athletes.
- To maintain our good relationships and collaboration in all topics which are charged to the SS&MC, with IPC, especially with the IPC Anti-doping Committee, IPC TUE Committee and IPC Medical & Scientific Headquarters.
- Participate in III World Anti-doping Conference (W.A.C.), to be held in November 2007 in Madrid (Spain). The IWAS SC&MC will be represented by Mr. Toni Pascual, responsible for the IWAS Anti-Doping Sub-committee, and myself IWAS Medical Officer.
- Carry out all the actions required by the IWAS General Assembly of Nations and IWAS Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted

Oriol Martinez

Member at Large/Sports Science & Medical Committee Chair

## **Sports Services Officer**

The Sports Services Officer was appointed by the Executive Board to create a network of contacts to support general sport objectives, primarily to assist new or provisional sports with infrastructure and development objectives based on the general policies of the Federation.

The team, the Sports Services Commission is expanding and is currently 4 persons, including Radka Kucirkova, Executive Board Member at Large. We have, however, not had the opportunity yet for having a full meeting.

One of the first activities has been to recommence the annual audit of IWAS sports from the perspective of IWAS provision and/or full status as an IWAS sport section:

### **Athletics**

Currently this is a hardworking committee, elected for the 2006-2010 period and chaired by Dina Sotiriadis from Greece. The committee's work is staffed by Jan Bockweg on a contract basis.

There is no doubt that Athletics achieves a high level of productivity, supporting paralympic objectives. However, the following remarks should be made:

- Results are still improving, but the elite athletes should not mask the reduction of global participation
- The world's division in "wealthy" and "les rich" nations and almost entirely corresponding specialisation in track and field because of the requirement for expensive high tech materials for track events.

### **Wheelchair Fencing**

As already mentioned, the award of excellence surely has to be granted to Wheelchair Fencing. The totally integrated World Championships in conjunction with their able-bodied counterparts in Fencing was the first of its kind.

The Committee is hard working under the Chairmanship of Alberto Martinez Vassallo. As mentioned above for athletics, the difference between "wealthy" and "less rich" nations has to be noted. The disappearance of team events from the Paralympic programme is not really playing in favour of development or the sport's profile and presentation. IWAS Executive Board gives support to the continuance of team events being included in the wheelchair fencing programme and wheelchair fencing remains a mandatory sport on the IWAS Games programme

### **Cue Sports & Lawn Bowls**

In spite of the efforts made by their respective Chairmen, both disciplines have fallen under the minimum criteria to be qualified as an IWAS sport. However, it has been agreed that both sports will remain on the IWAS programme, but with no further budget allocation.

### **Wheelchair Rugby**

The World Championships held in Christchurch, New Zealand in September 2006, proved once again that this is a high standard sport for the more severely disabled. The Sport Assembly held during the event was attended by the largest number of delegates and observers ever. The committee is Chaired by Brad Mikkelsen and has concentrated on key aspects of the sports promotion and development.

Again, and as mentioned with Athletics and Wheelchair Fencing, this remains very limited to 21 wealthy countries. A strong influence on the participation level has also come from other sports strategies and politics in Wheelchair Basketball and IPC Athletics where higher disability classes (quadraplegics and similar) are “rejected” more and more from these sports.

### **Electric Wheelchair Hockey**

Like Wheelchair Rugby, Electric Wheelchair Hockey is reserved and developed as a sport for the more severely disabled.

As a very young sport internationally, focus has been made by the eager and industrious committee, under the Chairmanship of John Teunissen, on development, both in infrastructure and participatory growth.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> development event was held 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November 06 in the Netherlands, where 9 countries (including 2 new to the sport) from 2 continents participated.

- 13 athletes from 4 countries
- 4 coaches from 3 countries
- 4 referees from 2 countries

A 4<sup>th</sup> International development event will take place in the Czech Republic from 6 to 11 November 2007.

As our remit also includes infrastructure development, the Sports Services Commission has been involved in assisting Regional Departments to develop the infrastructure and experience to provide services to IWAS member nations in the region.

Personally, I remain impressed by the 1<sup>st</sup> IWAS West Asian Development Forum in Esfahan/IR of Iran organised by Seyed Yousef Mousavinasab. This initiative definitively showed how easy it is to create a situation where all nations can participate and where “friendship” and “care for development” remains a leitmotiv among the participating athletes and nations. The West Asian Development Forum was based round an Athletics Tournament and IWAS brought in experts to assist in its operation. The next event of this nature must preserve the charisma established at the 1<sup>st</sup> West Asian Development Forum.

The job realised by the West Asia Regional Office, in spite of the regional difficulties emphasises the need of other regional offices, and this will be one of the topics of the Executive Board meetings in Taipei.

Respectfully submitted  
Rudi Van den Abbeele  
Member at Large/Sports Services Chair

## Members at Large without Portfolio

Since the last General Assembly in Rio, 2005, I have concentrated on the following issues:

- I have followed and tried to protect IWAS interests in IPC where I am have been a Governing Board member since November 2005
- I have been a partner (with fellow IWAS Executive Board member, Rudi Van den Abbeele) in developing a plan for the structure and staff of the future IWAS Headquarters. Future in this context means in 3 – 5 years time)
- Providing advice and support to the IWAS organisation to create better and good and safe financial basis for the future through IWAS World and Youth Games
- Been Chairman of an Appeal Panel in a case of classification appeal for an athlete in wheelchair Rugby

My apologies to the nations at the General Assembly, but due to prior commitments, I am unable to attend the IWAS Executive Board or General Assembly this year in Chinese Taipei, but I send my good wishes for a productive meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Karl Vilhelm Nielsen

Since the last General Assembly in Rio, 2005 I have accepted the additional role of member of the Sports Services Commission and have been actively involved in many of the activities of the IWAS Federation, including:

- Supporting and giving assistance to the work of the IWAS Headquarters
- Attendance at the Electric Wheelchair Hockey Development event in the Netherlands
- Review and support for the documentation and action plans for Electric Wheelchair Hockey
- Offer and coordination for venue of the IWAS Athletics Executive Meeting here in the Czech Republic

I look forward to meeting with the nations again in Chinese Taipei and to fruitful discussion of common issues.

Respectfully submitted  
Radka Kucirkova

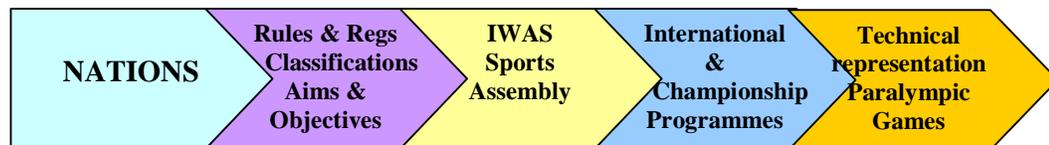
# SPORTS ACTIVITIES REPORT

## *Summary for the Period September 2006 to September 2007*

The primary role of the IWAS programmes in sport is to provide increasing opportunities for all athletes with IWAS classifications, within the framework of sport specific technical rules and regulations as determined by the respective Sport Assembly. It is an objective of all IWAS sports to recruit and improve participation and standards globally. The IWAS sports programme includes events/activities/classification at different levels and, in addition to IWAS governed sports, includes collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with IPC sports.

### **WHEELCHAIR & AMPUTEE ATHLETICS, WHEELCHAIR FENCING AND RUGBY**

IWAS 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 & Amputee Athletics, Wheelchair Fencing and Rugby.



### **IWAS WHEELCHAIR & AMPUTEE ATHLETICS – DINA SOTIRIADI, CHAIR**

IWAS Athletics maintains a strong programme of sanctioned and official events, as well as being the main player within the IWAS Games programmes.

During the period under review, the official events for IWAS Athletics were:

**IWAS West Asian Regional Athletics Meet (during Development Forum) – Esfahan, IR of Iran**

**IWAS Junior Games 2007 – Johannesburg, South Africa – full programme T & F 40s and 50s**

A focus was made on education and training across the board in Sports Officials, Classifiers and Sports Managers and seminars are held at official events to strengthen infrastructure globally. Already nations are reaping benefit from IWAS trained personnel and in fact we shall be bringing a newly accredited international classifier to Taipei together with a trainee as a result of very successful classifier training clinics at the South African IWAS Junior Games.

A co-operation was established with the World Series Organisers, whose events were sanctioned by IWAS and approved by IPC.

Development projects in East Africa and West Asia have additionally been supported by key IWAS experts. These are ongoing initiatives and form part of the IWAS Athletics 4 year plan.

IWAS Athletics databases have continued to support the work of IPC Athletics and IWAS continues to pursue a basic agreement to acknowledge the work and ownerships of systems and software.

The **IWAS Athletics Junior Championships** have recently been awarded to the **Swiss Paraplegic Association** and will be held in July or August 2009. Further detail will be provided to member nations.

**IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING – ALBERTO MARTINEZ VASSALLO, CHAIRMAN IWFC**

It is now almost two years since this new committee, called the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Committee, initiated its 4 year road of commitment on behalf of the sport. Multiple facts and actions have been undertaken by the members.

I would like above all to thank all the members of the IWFC for the work developed in these two years and for their invaluable contribution to carry forward some projects that without their aid, their patience and their understanding, it would have not been able to develop, nor even be initiated.

**SPORTS PROGRAMME**

In the period September 2005 to December 2007, the following official competitions have been celebrated, or will be celebrated:

<b>2005</b>	<b>European Championships</b>	Madrid (ESP)	
	December		
<b>2006</b>	<b>World Cups</b>	Hong Kong (CHN)	February
		Montreal (CAN)	April
		Lonato (ITA)	May
		Torino (ITA)	June
		Warsaw (POL)	July
	<b>World Championships</b>	Torino (ITA)	Sept
<b>2007</b>	<b>World Cups</b>	Valencia (ESP)	March
		Montreal (CAN)	April
		Lonato (ITA)	May
		Warsaw (POL)	July
		Paris (FRA)	Nov
	<b>European Championships</b>	Warsaw (POL)	July
	<b>American Championships</b>	TBC	Sept
	<b>Asian Championships</b>	Chinese Taipei (TAI)	Sept



In total, 14 official competitions in a period of 2 years were held.

It is appropriate to emphasize the celebration of the World Championships which, as already announced in 2005, was celebrated jointly with the World Championships of the Olympic International Federation (FIE) in the city of Torino at the end of the month of September 2006.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

The IWFC during the year 2007 has progressed the formation of Classifiers and Referees.

In respect to the classifiers, at present a programme is being carried out in order to establish at least one classifier in each of the countries that practice our sport, initially to provide national level classification and, with further training, to provide the service at international level.

It was intended to start this programme on the occasion of the Valencia World Cup during the month of March, but organisational problems in this regard delayed the first seminar, which was then re-scheduled for Lonato in May. Another seminar will also be held in the month of November during the World Cup in Paris.

IWAS with the support of IPC subsidizes these seminars and assumes the expense of organisation, lodging and a percentage of the amount of the trip of the candidate classifier.

In respect to referee levels, you will be able to observe from the documentation that has been supplied for this Assembly, the protocols of formation have been finalised and is going to be set in motion on the occasion of large competitions in 2008 with specific seminars. I take this occasion to express thanks to the member of IWFC charged with undertaking the responsibility for referees, Mr Jozsef Nagy.

Also, and with the support of the European Confederation of Fencing and in particular to the effort and initiative of Elena Belkina, President of Wheelchair Fencing in Russia, focus has been directed on developing youth within the region. Invitation is extended to nations to send a young fencer together with their teacher to attend a "stage" international in order that young fencers have the opportunity to be introduced into the international environment. Training and competition at the Youth Camp is geared towards a lower international level in order that their potential can be harnessed and developed as currently outside of this situation, there is no interim competition situation for young fencers to enter the international arena.

Already in the Torino 2006 World Championships, the first initiative was carried out and now during the recently finalised European Championships here in Warsaw a second camp was held. For the time being, naturally, these camps are supported by the time and expertise donated by sportsmen and European technicians, but it is the intention of IWAS Wheelchair Fencing that these will be opened out to encompass all countries that practice our sport. We are aiming for the year 2008 to establish our first official International Youth Competition and for 2009 to be Youth World Championship year.

Specific Rules are already being developed to support the development of Youth competition programmes and these will be put to the test in 2008.

## ADMINISTRATION REPORT

A) Financial Report for the period was approved by the Sport Assembly in July 2007

B) Structuring of the IWFC

For the first time, this Committee has structured the work of each one of its members offering concrete facets in each one of the themes necessary for a better development of our sport and for active technical control and improvement of our competitions.

Fruit of this effort can be seen by the presentation and approval of documents to the Sport Assembly in Warsaw in July 2007, which are felt necessary for our continued good development.

- A new technical rules book, combining FIE and IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Rules
- New Bylaws of the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Committee in compliance with the rules of IWAS
- A referees formation protocol as mentioned previously
- Classification Rules and classifiers formation protocol

New World Cup Rules are also being developed in consultation with the nations and will shortly be available.

At the same time, the Committee is working on other necessary themes that I believe are necessary to give greater consistency and depth to our sport which will provide, without any doubt, a new "Presentation" fit for any International organisation.

- A new interactive website with more information, including databases of competitions, fencers, referees, classifiers, organisers, protocols, entry forms, regulations etc etc
- An international licence with necessary data for competitions which will contain as well as identity detail the class and sport category
- New Rules for Youth Competition (as previously mentioned)
- A new Ranking System which will represent in real terms the level of fencers more so than the current one and benefits fencers that have the resources to respond to a greater number of competitions and will include ranking by teams
- A protocol of sports equipment specific to wheelchair fencing that contains specifications and its cumplimentacion with the endorsement and recognition by IWAS Wheelchair Fencing of its aptitude for official competition.
- An agreement of collaboration with the FIE for joint development of competitions

It can be seen that this work is not so little and will undoubtedly not all be finished in the two remaining years of the term of this Committee

A further report is available on the Beijing Paralympic programme issues should members not have received this from their delegates attending the IWF Sport Assembly in Warsaw, July 2007. Please contact the IWAS Secretariat.

## **IWAS WHEELCHAIR RUGBY**

### **SPORTS PROGRAMME**

In the period September 2005 to December 2007, the following Championships took place or are due to take place:

**European Championships**  
Middelfart, Denmark

**October 19-23, 2005**

**IWRF World Championships**  
Christchurch, New Zealand

**September 10-16, 2006**

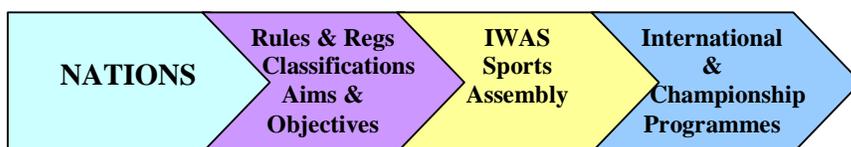
**IWRF European Zone Championships**  
Espoo, Finland

**June 2-9, 2007**

**IWRF Oceania Zone Championships**  
Sydney, Australia

**November 19-25, 2007**

## **IWAS GOVERNED NON PARALYMPIC PROGRAMME SPORTS**



## **ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR HOCKEY**

### **End of Year Report 2006**

#### **ACTIVITIES**

1. Documents:
  - a. Business Plan 2006-2012
  - b. Revised Draft Internal Regulations 2006
  - c. Revised Draft Organisers Regulations 2006
  - d. Revised Game Rules 2006
  - e. Revised Competition Regulations 2006
  - f. Electric Wheelchair Hockey trainers and coaches handbook "*Principles of Electric Wheelchair Hockey*"
  - g. Revised Judge Form Referees
  - h. Results/Statistics EWH Nations 2004-2005
  - i. Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> Sports Assembly
  
2. 7<sup>th</sup> Sports Assembly (held 19-23 November 2006!)  
Present will be 8 nations of 2 continents, incl. 1 new nation:

Europe: Finland, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Croatia (new).

Oceania: Australia.

Delegates present: IWAS (Maura Strange, Radka Kucirkova), EWH Classifiers (Daan Eenkhoorn & Denis Jaeken).

3. 1<sup>st</sup> Development Event for (new) EWH nations (23-26 November 2006) with:
  - a. Athletes Course  
13 participants of 4 nations: Croatia (1), Denmark (7), Slovenia (4), Estonia (1)
  - b. Trainers/Coaches Course  
5 participants of 4 nations: Slovenia (1), Denmark (2), Estonia (1), Australia (1)
  - c. Referees Course  
3 participants of 2 nations: Australia (1), Denmark (2)
  - d. Medical Programme  
2 EWH Classifiers have started discussion and development of players eligibility (minimal disability) and classification and doping control systems.
  
4. Expanding the network
  - a. Contact with Iran, Iraq, Argentina, Poland, Spain, South Africa, Korea, Sweden, Malaysia (Brazil, October 2005; Sander Hilberink).
  - b. Contact with Canada: Andrew Harris (Calgary; August; Bruce Ashby), Switzerland, Spain, Czech Republic, USA.
  - c. Contact/participation of 3 new nations (Croatia, Slovenia, Estonia) in 2006 events.
  - d. Contact with International Hockey Federation (Geneva; May; Bruce Ashby) to look for possibilities to cooperate. (FIH; Roger Webb, Technical Manager; Els van Breda Vriesman – Commandeur, President; Gabrielle van Doorn, Development Manager)
  - e. Contact with Wheelchair Tennis development officer (Torino; March; Bruce Ashby)
  - f.
  
5. International Tournaments for Club Teams

Power Hockey World Cup	Calgary, Canada	August 2006
International E-Hockey Tournament	Munich, Germany	August-Sept 2006
Iron-Cats Cup	Zurich, Switzerland	September 2006
  
6. Promotion
  - a. New Website: [www.icewh.org](http://www.icewh.org)
  - b. Leaflet

## FINANCE

1. The ICEWH received a base and development grant of the IWAS of 1000 English Pounds. This total amount is used for the Sports Assembly and Development Event of November 2006 in the Netherlands. The IWAS/ICEWH has waived the capitation fee and sanction fee, due to non sufficient financials of the Organising Committee and because no contract was signed with the concerning member nation of IWAS (Netherlands).
  
2. The IWAS has kept a special item/entry for income/expenditure of EWH.

3. € 750,-- was funded by the Ludwig Guttman Foundation (England) for the EWH trainers and coaches handbook "*Principles of Electric Wheelchair Hockey*".

### **ICEWH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETINGS 2006**

1. The EC has held 4 meetings: 18 February, 14 June, 5 July, 14 September.
2. Meetings with IWAS:
  - Anja Wouters (EC Member at Large) has visited the IWAS office (Maura Strange and Kim Garner) in Aylesbury (England), 31 August and has met Maura Strange and Paul DePace in Assen (Netherlands) 1 September.
  - A skypemeeting with IWAS was held 1 November (Anja Wouters and Kenny Verbraekel).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On 29 September Bruce Ashby resigned from position as Chairman of the ICEWH effective immediately, due to personal reasons and due to a new work contract.
- On 6 November the EC has thanked Bruce for his efforts.
- On 28 October the EC agreed with John Teunissen from the Netherlands that he will become the new chairman of the ICEWH. Officially installed during the SA November 2006.

### **LAWN BOWLS – ALF BOYLE, CHAIRMAN**

In October 2006 we held a Tri-Nation Series in Adelaide between, New Zealand, South Korea and Australia.

Again each country brought two teams of 5 a side and played Singles and Fours, Pairs and Triples.

The event was won by Australia with the most points, but again the standard of bowling was excellent.

In April 2007 we held the IWAS World Championship in South Africa, but due to lack of entries it could not be called a World Championship. The reason for lack of entries was two-fold: firstly the short time given to countries to send a team, and secondly, I believe from outside interest who wanted the event to fail.

The Games were a credit to those who attended with a remarkable high standard of bowling. South Africa won the event with most points, but the Blue Ribbon event of the Singles was won by Korea.

Many thanks must go to Iris Cunningham and her team in making this event possible.

Later in April I attended an Umpire and Coaching Tutorial in South Korea.

This was organised by the Korean Disabled Veterans Organisation, and the President of the KDVOM Mr LIM SOO-CHUL must be complimented on his futuristic outlook for Lawn Bowls within South Korea.

Having been a Lawn Bowls Tutor for many, many years, the normal size of a class would be between 8 to 12. In Seoul I was presented with a class of 30 Athletes, 24 in wheelchairs.

I am proud to announce to the World that 29 of these students passed their exam as a Level One Umpire.

Many thanks to IWAS for its support and providing two complete Umpire Kits.

Should any country wish to promote Umpires within their organisation, please contact Maura Strange, Secretary General.

Whilst in Seoul, I went to the new Lawn Bowls complex that is being built at the hospital sight. Again, the KDVO are looking to the future.

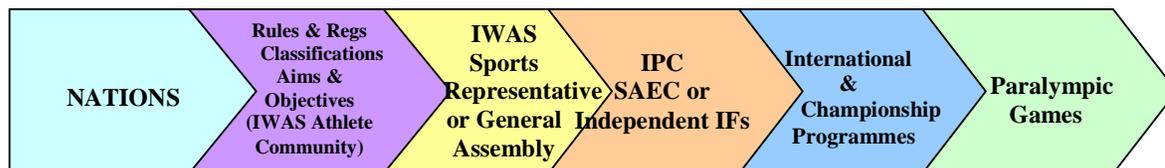
2009. We are in the final stages of completing the bid process for the 2009 IWAS Lawn Bowls World Championship which will be held in the Southern hemisphere.

I URGE all Nations in attendance to canvas their Lawn bowls Sections to support this event.

Full information will be circularised in the near future.

We are facing a very challenging time within our IWAS Lawn Bowls but with your help and assistance we shall be successful.

### **RELATIONSHIPS WITH IPC PARALYMPIC PROGRAMME SPORTS**



### **ARCHERY – ANN WEBB, IWAS REPRESENTATIVE**

Archery is now entering a period of change with the likelihood of a change of governance from IPC to FITA (the able bodied governing body). At the FITA Congress in July, member associations voted overwhelmingly in favour of this move. This now needs to go in front of the IPC Archery Sports Forum in October and the IPC General Assembly in November.

#### **MAJOR COMPETITIONS**

There is, at the time of writing, still a question mark over the viability of archery at the IWAS Games in Chinese Taipei. Unfortunately, it is only a fortnight away from the IPC World Championships in Korea in October.

#### **OTHER COMPETITIONS**

A number of approved competitions have been held in USA over the last year, following the training of 20 Technical Delegates at a course last year.

Great Britain held an invitation event at Stoke Mandeville in July. This was memorable both because the Chinese team came to take part and because shooting had to be abandoned for one day when the river next to the field became blocked and flooded the entire field.

Czech Republic are holding an Invitation event in the middle of August and have a number of foreign teams entered. Hopefully, their weather will not be so wet.

## COURSES

Pauline Betteridge held a classification course in Stoke Mandeville alongside the BWAA Invitation event and will be travelling out to Canada at the beginning of August to run another one.

Ann Webb is also going out to Canada to run a technical delegate course and will follow this up with a course at the Czech Invitation event in the middle of August.

## CONCLUSION

The work done over the last few years is now paying off as more countries are hosting either Invitation or Approved events. This is giving disabled archers more opportunities for competition.

Following the MOU signed with FITA in 2004, it now looks as if this will be carried further and Para-archery will become a part of FITA, a move which will please a majority of disabled archers.

## **TABLE TENNIS – LEANDRO OLVECH, IPTTC APPOINTMENT TO IWAS**

A brief report from the perspective of IWAS TABLE TENNIS

1- Table Tennis has been successfully included in the Chinese Taipei 2007 IWAS World Wheelchair & Amputee Games and nations were offered a full programme for all classes. The event has a 20 point ranking factor.

2- There is an intention to also add our sport into the IWAS World Junior Games programme and this is being discussed with the IWAS Games Technical Manager, Jan Bockweg.

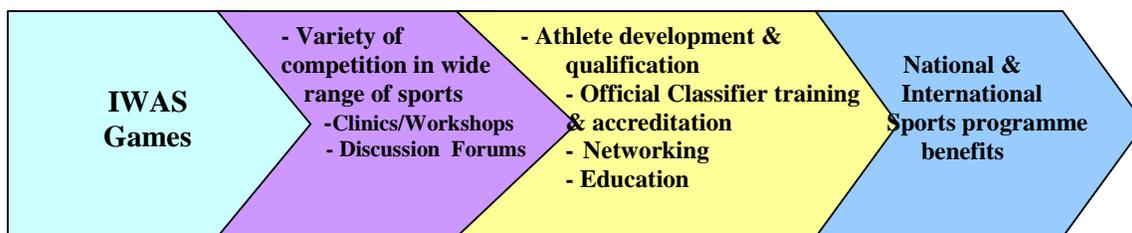
## OTHER NEWS TO INFORM

1- The IPC Governing Board in April 2007 approved the transfer of governance from IPC to ITTF, which had already been approved by the ITTF back in 2005. Our committee is now part of ITTF with effect from 1 July 2007 and the formal agreement will soon be signed between ITTF and IPC.

2- As the word "Paralympic" is a property of the IPC, the name of our committee has been changed to "Para Table Tennis"

3- The next challenge is to work in the cooperation of the table tennis for the disabled and able body movements at the national level.

## WORLD GAMES



IWAS World Games take place every two years and are based on Development in post Paralympic Year and Elite in Pre-Paralympic years.

A report on the 2005 Games in Rio was included in our 2005/06 Annual Report and we are currently anticipating entry for the 2007 Games taking place in Taipei, Taiwan to be in the region of 900 across 8 sports – Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Powerlifting, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis and Wheelchair Fencing.

The focus of the Games in 2007 is providing athletes with opportunity for ranking and Beijing qualification.

Call for Bids for 2009 and 2011 is currently being undertaken. Mandatory sports are: Archery, Athletics, Swimming, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Fencing and Wheelchair Rugby with a wide range of optional sports to add to the programme.

## IWAS WORLD JUNIOR GAMES

IWAS World Junior Games take place each year and are being expanded to add other sports to the present Athletics and Swimming programme.

These provide a fundamental opportunity for young athletes with an aspiration for an international career in their chosen sport.

During the period under review, Junior Games were held in Germiston, South Africa and successfully included swimming as an addition to the growing Athletics programme. 11 countries brought their young athletes to South Africa for experience at these Games which were held alongside the South African Championships, giving inspiration at national as well as international level. Oscar Pistorius in Athletics, once again showed his prowess and broke records for the T44 class, attracting high media coverage for the event.

The call for bids for IWAS World Junior Games for 2008 attracted two high quality bids, with the award for the event eventually going to the USA, subject to contract. Detail on the Organising Committee and the programme being offered will be provided by a presentation by the LOC at the World Games in Taipei.

## IWAS MEMBER COUNTRIES

ARGENTINA	<b>IRAQ</b>	SAUDI ARABIA
AUSTRALIA	IRELAND	SINGAPORE
AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	SLOVAKIA
BAHRAIN	ITALY	SLOVENIA
BARBADOS	JAPAN	SOUTH AFRICA
<b>BELARUS</b>	JORDAN	SPAIN
BELGIUM	<b>KENYA</b>	<b>SRI LANKA</b>
<b>BRASIL</b>	KOREA	SWEDEN
<b>BULGARIA</b>	KUWAIT	SWITZERLAND
CANADA	LATVIA	CHINESE TAIPEI
CHINA	<b>LEBANON</b>	THAILAND
CROATIA	LITHUANIA	TURKMENISTAN
CUBA	LUXEMBOURG	UAE
CYPRUS	<b>MACAU*</b>	<b>UGANDA</b>
CZECH REPUBLIC	MALAYSIA	UKRAINE
DENMARK	<b>MEXICO</b>	USA
<b>EGYPT</b>	<b>NEPAL</b>	<b>VENEZUELA</b>
FINLAND	NETHERLANDS	
FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND	
GERMANY	NORWAY	
GREAT BRITAIN	POLAND	
GREECE	PORTUGAL	
HONG KONG, CHINA	PUERTO RICO	
HUNGARY	RUSSIA	
<b>INDIA</b>		
IRAN		

Countries in **plum** Not paid 2007 Membership Fee  
 Countries in **red** Not paid 2006 & 2007 Membership Fee

**\*Correct on 09/08/2007**

Countries in **blue** New members to be ratification at 2007 General Assembly



**International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation  
(IWAS)**

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