



International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability

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INAS-FID General Assembly

As our biennial General Assembly draws near, I can report that at least 20 member nations have registered their intention to be present in Puerto Rico. With elections due and a conference that, among other things, provides an update on progress towards the inclusion of ID athletes in London 2012, this is an important meeting. Whether you are old friends or new, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

London 2012

I will say more about this in Puerto Rico, but I am pleased to be able to report that, a week ago, the IPC Governing Board gave its full support to the efforts of the Joint Working Group and formally approved the JWG's action plan. The IPC's statement can be viewed at www.paralympic.org. This is a really significant step along the way to re-inclusion. The way forward is now clear: all INAS-FID has to do is deliver.

Mencap Support

Many of you will know already that our Secretary General, Karon Nicol, is employed by Mencap, which is probably the largest UK provider of services to people with intellectual disabilities. Mencap has supported Karon's involvement from the beginning and, following a recent meeting with Mencap's new chief executive, I am pleased to be able to report that Nick Parr, who works with Karon, will be spending a significant part of the next six months providing Karon and me with support for INAS-FID. Nick will be known to many of you as an Executive Committee member of INAS-Europe and Karon, Nick and I are all grateful for the support that Mencap provides.

Colin Rains

It is with much sadness that I report the death last week of Colin Rains after a short and ultimately unsuccessful battle against illness. Colin spent many years promoting sporting opportunities for people with disabilities, both at home in the UK and internationally. He is perhaps best known for his many years as President of CP-ISRA.

With best wishes and looking forward to seeing many of you again in Puerto Rico.

Dr Bob Price
INAS-FID President