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HIGHLIGHT

Estonia Wins World Championships B in Eindhoven: After a fast-paced set of competitions, athletes from Estonia took the top position in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, as the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships B Tournament finished. The final day of competitions had the Estonian team pitted against Sweden, and Poland against Great Britain. Estonia edged by the Swedish athletes, winning 1:0, after a hard-fought battle on the ice. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

PARALYMPIC GAMES

Vancouver 2010: The days are ticking down to the Opening Ceremony of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. In less than 365 days Paralympic Games history will be made and winners will be crowned in Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing, Ice Sledge Hockey and Wheelchair Curling. As part of the celebration, the IPC flag was raised on Ottawa's Parliament Hill. In Victoria, the Province of BC hosted a celebration at the legislature. For more information, please visit the official website at www.vancouver2010.com.

London 2012: The venue for the Swimming competition for the Paralympic Games is already taking shape. Work has started to lift the 2,800-tonne wave-shaped roof of the Aquatics Centre into position. The lift is considered one of the most complex engineering and construction challenges of the Olympic Park 'big build'. The Aquatics Centre will mark the 'gateway' to the Olympic Park. After the Games it will provide elite and community facilities that London does not currently have, including two 50m swimming pools and a diving pool. For more information, please visit www.london2012.com.

Sochi 2014: Preparations for the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games have kick-started intensive work to bring Russia's national legislation into further alignment with international standards. A latest development saw Deputies from Russia's State Duma, together with representatives of leading public organizations, discuss Russia's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. Staged in a roundtable format, the meeting was attended by member of the Sochi 2014 Supervisory Board, Paralympic Champion and General Secretary of the Russian Paralympic Committee, Mikhail Terentiev. For more information, please visit the official website at www.sochi2014.com.



FROM THE HEADQUARTERS

Media Accreditation for 2009 Paralympic World Cup in Manchester:

Some of the world's best Paralympic athletes from the sport of Athletics, Cycling, Swimming and Wheelchair Basketball will gather in Manchester, Great Britain, from 20-25 May for the fifth edition of the Paralympic World Cup. The BT Paralympic World Cup is the biggest annual multi-sport competition for elite athletes with a disability and the six-day competition will once again take place at three iconic city venues: The Manchester Velodrome, the Manchester Aquatics Centre and the Manchester Regional Arena. For more information, please visit the official website at www.btparalympicworldcup.com.

IPC Anti-Doping Programme Progresses in Montreal:

The IPC Medical and Scientific Director Dr. Peter Van de Vliet was in Montreal, Canada, at the headquarters of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to discuss compliance to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) by IPC Membership, which includes members of National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) and International Paralympic Sport Federations (IPSFs). The visit also saw co-ordination of out-of-competition testing plans, and planning for various Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games related activities. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

Colorado Springs Hosts IPC Governing Board:

The IPC Governing Board (GB) concluded its 52th official meeting in Colorado Springs, USA. During two successful days of meetings at the US Training Centre in Colorado Springs, HQ of the US Olympic Committee (USOC) and US Paralympics, the GB discussed and approved several issues, including the adoption of the audited accounts and financial results of the Financial Year 2008. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

Evaluation Commission Visits 2016 Candidate Cities:

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Evaluation Commission for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games kicked off its official site inspections on 4 April in Chicago, USA. In April and May, the 13-member Commission, including IPC representative Greg Hartung, will assess the ability of all four Candidate Cities, Chicago (USA), Tokyo (Japan), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Madrid (Spain), to stage the Games in 2016. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

FROM THE NPCs

Sweden: On 24 March, a total of 130 students, between the age of 6-12 years, got a chance to experience a Paralympic Winter School Day at



Lillbo School in the small municipality of Edsbyn, Sweden. Paralympic School Days are currently spread around Sweden by the Swedish Development Centre for Disability Sport (SUH) in collaboration with the Swedish National Paralympic Committee. For more information, please visit www.shif.se.

Great Britain: Following bronze medal success in Beijing, the Great Britain (GB) men's Wheelchair Basketball team will head to the BT Paralympic World Cup and face three of the top five teams in the world. Great Britain has announced the team will consist of seven Paralympic bronze medallists and five development players. The team will face Paralympic champions, Australia along with USA and Germany and GB coach Murray Treseder says he is looking forward to the first international challenge since Beijing. For more information, please visit www.paralympics.org.uk.

Canada: The Canadian Paralympic Committee has entered an exclusive partnership with travel retailer Flight Centre, demonstrating the commitment to making travel accessible to everyone. The announcement was made 24 March at the Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards where Flight Centre sponsored the 'Athlete with a Disability' category. As Official Travel Partner to the Canadian Paralympic Committee, Flight Centre will make all travel arrangements for the Canadian Paralympic Team through to the London 2012 Paralympic Games. For more information, please visit www.paralympic.ca.

FROM THE SPORTS

Whistler Creekside Closes Out Alpine World Cup Finals: After four exciting competitions, the 2008/2009 IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup season ended with a Slalom race. A total of 130 athletes from 19 countries came to Whistler Creekside, Canada, for the final races in Downhill, Super-G, Super Combined, Giant Slalom and Slalom. With her wins in the Giant Slalom and Slalom, Lauren Woolstencroft (CAN) became the dominating athlete in Whistler, winning all five races, and subsequently the dominating Alpine skier of the season. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

Mt. Washington Wraps Up Nordic Skiing World Cup: After powerful performances, the International Paralympic Committee Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing World Cup Finals finished its run on the slopes of Mt. Washington, Canada. The competition was the final series of World Cup races, taking place from 11-14 March, with athletes from 19 different nations at the Canadian venue in Comox Valley. As the event in Mt. Washington completes the World Cup series, final rankings were subsequently calculated, additionally encompassing the 2009 Paralympic



Winter World Cup in Solleftea, Sweden, and the 2009 IPC Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing World Cup in Whistler, Canada. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

World Blind Sailing Championships Finish in New Zealand: The 2009 International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) World Blind Sailing Championships finished after five days of racing on 21 March, bringing together some of the best athletes in Sailing from around the world to Lake Rotorua in New Zealand. Host country New Zealand held the reigns on the water, winning first place in the B2 fleet with athlete Paulien Eitjes. New Zealand also took second in both the B1 and B3 fleets, with athletes Dick Lancaster and Dave Allerton pulling in their respective events to top positions. For more information, please visit www.2009worldblindsailingnz.com.

Wheelchair Rugby Test Event Readies World Championships: The first of two test events for the 2010 International Wheelchair Rugby Federation (IWRF) World Wheelchair Rugby Championships took place from 27-29 March for the first time at the Richmond Olympic Oval in Canada. The tenth annual Vancouver Invitational Wheelchair Rugby Tournament finished with the Division One match between Ontario and Quebec. The trophy went to Quebec, winning 58:30 over Ontario. For more information about the sport, please visit www.iwrf.com.

FROM THE COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Women in Sport Committee Chair Speaks at Conference: On the occasion of the International Women's Day last week, the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) revealed plans for an exciting Paralympic component of the Arafura International Sports Conference in May. Ms. Tine Rindum Teilmann, chairperson of the IPC Women in Sport Committee and member of IOC Women in Sport Commission, will be the conference's keynote speaker. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

Inclusion of Female Athletes for Ice Sledge Hockey in Vancouver 2010 Paralympics: Responding to the request of the nations widely and regularly practising the sport of Ice Sledge Hockey, the IPC Governing Board has approved an entry provision to allow qualified teams for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games to enter female athletes to their roster should they wish. The inclusion of female athletes for Ice Sledge Hockey is a step in the direction of promoting greater female participation in this sport and the Paralympic Winter Games in general. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.



MISCELLANEOUS

Proposals Sought For WADA Grants: The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has officially issued its call for proposals for this year's scientific research grants. All scientists who are interested in submitting their research projects are encouraged to review the 2009 Instructions and Research Topics located on the WADA website (www.wada-ama.org). The deadline to submit research applications is 15 May 2009. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

NPCs Receive Invitations to Participate in Vancouver 2010 Winter Paralympics: On the occasion of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Games Chef de Mission Seminar, National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) were officially invited tonight to attend the 2010 Winter Paralympics in Vancouver and Whistler, Canada. During a ceremony, IPC President Sir Philip Craven and Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) CEO John Furlong called upon Paralympic athletes from all over the world to compete in Vancouver in March 2010. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

Sport World Meets at SportAccord in Denver: From 23-27 March, the annual SportAccord Conference was held in Denver, Colorado, USA, for the seventh time. SportAccord encompasses the annual Associations' Congress and General Assemblies, while offering the sports community a powerful opportunity to come together in an exclusive and authoritative networking environment to build relationships, exchange knowledge and develop ideas. For more information, please visit the official website at www.paralympic.org > News.

TRIBUTE

The IPC would like to offer its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Colin Rains who passed away on 31 March 2009.

In his role as former President of CPISRA and IPC Executive Committee member, he helped to promote and develop the Paralympic Movement and the Paralympic Games. He was made CPISRA's Honorary President for Life in recognition of his long and valued service to CPISRA and the wider Paralympic Movement, especially in regards to athletes with high support needs. For his outstanding and long-lasting contributions, he received the Paralympic Order in 2003.



Colin was a respected member of the Paralympic Family and his spirit will live on in the coming generations of Paralympians.

OUTLOOK

WADA IF Symposium	21-22 April	Lausanne, SUI
IOC Co-ordination Commission	21-23 April	London, GBR
IPC Anti-Doping Committee Meeting	23-24 April	Bad Honnef, GER
IPC TUE Committee Meeting	24-25 April	Bad Honnef, GER
Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games Project Review	27-29 April	Moscow, RUS
2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships A Tournament	9-16 May	Ostrava, CZE
2009 Paralympic World Cup	20-25 May	Manchester, GBR

The next issue of the IPC Bulletin will be published on 13 May 2009. Please submit your contributions to the IPC Media and Communication Department no later than 6 May. Please e-mail to jeff.wolfshohl@paralympic.org or fax to +49-228-2097-209. Thank you!

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