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# ICSD HIGHLIGHTS

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## ICSD ACTIVITIES PRESIDENT



### IOC President meets ICSD President

Lausanne, Switzerland - ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev and IOC President Thomas Bach had meeting on 06 November 2017 at the IOC Headquarters in Lausanne where they have discussed results of the 2017 Summer Deaflympics in Samsun, Turkey.

Two leaders also discussed the cooperation between the IOC and the ICSD on various topics and the important role of sport in international society. ICSD President has given to Thomas Bach mementoes: set of medals and Torch of 2017 Summer Deaflympics.

## Dr. Valery Rukhledev, ICSD President took part in Sport and Active Society Commission in Lausanne

Lausanne, Switzerland - 05 November 2017. The IOC Sport and Active Society Commission is part of the IOC Agenda 2020. Dr. Rukhledev was one of the experts that participated in drafting the terms of the Agenda.

The Commission main mission is to promote an active life style in society, with a particular focus on youth, using major events as an opportunity to promote activity, and to promote sport as a right for all regardless of nationality, religion, gender, socio-economic background or disability and sports ability to transcend all issues.

ICSD will cooperate with IOC Commission in such initiative as fighting obesity among the youth by encouraging an active lifestyle.



## ICSD ACTIVITIES

### ICSD Executive Board ended its first meeting at the ICSD Headquarters

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) Executive Board (EB) ended its first meeting at the ICSD headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland from 02 to 04 November 2017 with several updates and decisions.

The EB has discussed the results of the 46th ICSD Congress and 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun, Turkey and preparations for the forthcoming 2019 Winter and 2021 Summer Deaflympics and 2019 World Deaf Youth Games.

ICSD Executive Board has distributed duties of the ICSD Commissions chairs between the members and has selected ICSD Summer Technical Directors for new term (2017-2021).





## ICSD ACTIVITIES

### IF Forum 2017 in Lausanne



Lausanne, Switzerland - ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev & Vice President - World Sports Mr. Kang Chen attended the International Federations (IF) Forum 2017, which is regularly held every year by Global Association of International Sports Federation (GAISF, formally known

as SportAccord) on 08-10 November 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

During the official opening of the IF Forum 2017, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by IOC President Thomas Bach and GAISF President Patrick Baumann, and it marks a new era in the relationship between the IOC and GAISF as well as re-evaluation and re-definition of its role, aims and objectives.



As of IF Forum 2017's theme, "INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION IMPACT - Leading the way towards a Sustainable Agenda" is into five (5) focus areas: Infrastructure and Natural sites, Sourcing and Resource Management, Climate, Mobility, and Workforce. In the addition, sustainable is the one of it is key focuses with the practice of "Building a better world through sport" under the Olympics Movement.

ICSD will continue its cooperation with GAISF in respect of Olympics Movement for the best future in Deaf Sports.



## DOPING CONTROL AND AUDIOLOGY

### SUMMARY OF DOPING CONTROL AND AUDIOLOGY TESTS DURING THE 23RD SUMMER DEAFLYMPICS



The last doping control results of all the additional researches procedures are now known. We are thus ready to provide the outcome of the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun, Turkey.

Number of selected disciplines – 21.

Number of athletes selected for doping control procedure – 300.

35% from Russian Federation, 20% from Ukraine, 14% from Turkey, 9% from China and 22% from other countries

The main goal of the Doping Control Team was to deliver the best Deaflympics possible as well as to assure a Clean Deaf Sport.

With the support of the ICSD Technical Directors, the riskiest disciplines in each sport were identified and checked. Gender equality obviously had to be respected. We also set the accent on the first three scores, gold, silver and bronze and of course, on any new World and Deaflympics Records. In several disciplines, random selections for doping control were performed.

The final analysis revealed 289 Negative results as well as 10 Negative results after additional researches. Unfortunately, one Athlete, Ms. Daria Gainetdiniva from Russia, obtained a Positive result and got on the Sanctioned Athletes List for a period of two (2) years.



During the Deaflympics, there were negative comments directed to the ICSD around doping control topics and mainly about the supposed lack of it. On 25 October 2017, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) published

its 2016 Testing Figures Report (2016 Report), which summarizes the results of all the samples analyzed by the WADA-accredited laboratories and reported in the WADA's Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) for the year 2016. Those results, obtained in doping control fields of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) and the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO), are introduced and presented in the above-mentioned documents.



All doping results of the Deaflympics and for the year 2017 of Deaf Sports Events will be reflected in the 2017 WADA Testing Figures Report.

All recorded athletes – 842 - have been verified for compliance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations. Nine (9) Athletes from different countries have been suspended from participating in the Deaflympics. ICSD realized that audiology is one of the most sensitive topic and hence the ICSD audiologist team did their utmost best to exclude hearing athletes.

Once again, we would like to pay tribute to the ICSD Audiology team, the ICSD Technical Directors, the Turkish Anti-Doping Commission (TADC) team headed by Mr. Hamza Uyar and the Health and Anti-Doping Department of Local Organising Committee headed by Dr. Ali Yilmaz for their joint efforts and excellent organising skills and support a big thank you for a professional and necessary job!

ICSD takes Doping Control as well as Audiology very seriously. Hence all necessary steps were taken in order to achieve the largest testing at any Deaflympics ever during this last Deaflympics in Samsun, with over 300 doping tests conducted. ICSD will continue all adequate efforts for a Clean Deaf Sports.

WADA is satisfied that ICSD has been compliant with all our doping responsibilities. ICSD will continue to work together with WADA and our IF colleagues to ensure that 100% compliance is achieved.







## NEW ICSD SUMMER TECHNICAL DIRECTORS (TD's) 2017 - 2021



Richard  
Pearce  
(Athletics)



Martin  
Bogard  
(Badminton)



Jürgen  
Endress  
(Basketball)



John  
Knetzger  
(Beach Volleyball)



Rainer  
Kuehn  
(Bowling)



Paul Wood  
(Cycling Road &  
Mountain Bike)



Panagiotis  
Kordonouris  
(Football)



Rosario  
De Caro  
(Futsal)



Gavin Peter  
Balharrie  
(Golf)



Jonny  
Gustavsson  
(Handball)



Damien  
Antoine  
(Judo)



Francesco  
Faraone  
(Karate)



Olga  
Dula  
(Orienteering)



Mac  
Adam  
(Shooting)



Reed  
Gershwind  
(Swimming)



Horst-Peter  
Scheffel  
(Table Tennis)



Bongkyu  
Jeong  
(Taekwondo)



Tobias  
Burz  
(Tennis)



Cathy  
Schelvis  
(Volleyball)



Konstantin  
Dzougoutov  
(Freestyle & Greco Roman  
Wrestling)





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## WORLD DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS

### U18 WORLD DEAF FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bangkok, Thailand - From the 24 November to 3 December, the 1st U-18 World Deaf Futsal Championships was held under the aegis of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) and the Deaf International Football Association (DIFA).

8 countries participated in these competitions: Germany, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Russia, Thailand, Sweden and Uzbekistan. The team of China also performed in the tournament Out of Competition, joining the struggle at the stage of play-off repechage round (matches for the 7-9 place).



*Official Logo of U18 World Deaf Futsal Championships*

The Championship started with the official Opening Ceremony held on the 26 November. The event was honourably visited not only by ICSD and DIFA representatives, but also high-ranking officials of Thailand government.



*Futsal balls with ICSD and DIFA Logos*

The tournament was organised on the highest level due to the amazing work of the Organising Committee. The teams were provided with the uninterrupted transfer hotel-arena-hotel and airport-hotel-airport. During the competitions there were two Technical meetings where the teams' representatives received all the necessary information concerning Championship Regulations. Selected group stage matches as well as all the play-off stage matches were live broadcasted during the Championships. The volunteers with the knowledge of International Signs and security service representatives were present on the key points in the hotel and sports hall. The competitions were conducted in full accordance with the ICSD and DIFA Regulations.







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*Uzbekistan U-18 men's Futsal Champion*



*Sweden U-18 men's Futsal team got Silver*



The work of the referee team was unanimously highly appreciated: the FIFA level referees prepared specially for the tournament and studied the generally accepted sports signs as well as some specifics of the Deaf Futsal in terms of communication with the players.

In general, all the participants of the Championships were equally skilled, and that led to the great amount of uncompromising, intense and spectacular matches. No doubt, only competitions of that level turn youth players into mentally grown-up futsal players. Every team showed its own unique style: the Swedish team played strictly pragmatically and from the defence, the German team played just as rigorously but more balanced throughout the playground, the Asian teams of Thailand, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan preferred bright attacking manner of football playing.

Due to the results of the competitions, Uzbekistan became the best world team, winning in the final match with Sweden (5:2). The bronze medal went to the Russian team which won strong-willed victory over the German team in the match for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

#### **The final ranking of the teams:**

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|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Uzbekistan | 2. Sweden | 3. Russia     | 4. Germany   |
| 5. Thailand   | 6. Kuwait | 7. Kazakhstan | 8. Indonesia |

The Closing Ceremony was held on 3 December after the Awards Ceremony. During the Closing Ceremony the following high profile officials gave their speech: the representative of the Ministry of Sport and Tourism of Thailand (read the word of the Minister of Sport and Tourism of Thailand, Mr. Wirasak Kowsoorad); the head of the Organising Committee, Mr. Anat Yodbangtoeybol; the President of Thailand Deaf Sports Association, Mr. Boonlert Khanapornworakarn; the President of DIFA, Mr. Iakov Frenkel; ICSD Vice President - Youth Sports, Mr. Jack Lamberton and other officials.

Official DIFA's website: [www.difa-org.com](http://www.difa-org.com)



## 2ND DIFA CONGRESS



During the competitions, the 2<sup>nd</sup> DIFA Congress was held on the 29 December with 16 world countries participating: Bahrain, China, Indonesia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Korea, Malaysia, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan. While the Congress the delegates got acquainted with a report of the President and DIFA Executive Committee on the results of the organisation's activities from 2011 to 2017, accepted the amendments to the organisation Constitution and the program of the Deaf Football development on the period 2018-2022, considered various proposals concerning Deaf Football development.

Also, the elections of the President, Vice Presidents and members of the DIFA Executive Committee were held. The current President of the organisation, Mr. Iakov Frenkel, outran the second candidate for the position - Italian Mr. Giovanni Convito - and extended his authority for another 4 years. The following were appointed as DIFA Vice Presidents: Mr. Mohammad Pargar (Iran), Mr. Giovanni Convito (Italy), Mr. Brice Allain (France). In addition to the above-mentioned officials the Executive Committee included: Mr. Alshehri Ali Turki (Saudi Arabia), Mr. Cho Man-soo (South Korea), Mr. Soslanbek Kanukov (Russia), Mr. Andreas Rigas (Greece), Ms. Liu Ting (China).



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DIFA Executive Committee 2017-2021



## REGIONAL SPORTS

### EDSO - 4TH EUROPEAN DEAF MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

05 MAY - 13 MAY 2018 in ANHEE, BELGIUM

Dear athletes and leaders,  
Dear fans and friends,

After the organisation of the Europa Cup Mountainbike for clubs 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> round), we have the great pleasure to announce the organisation of the 4th European Championships Mountainbike taking place from Saturday 5 May to Sunday 13 May 2018 always in Anhée in the Province of Namur.

The organisation of such an event has been possible thanks to the support of the club Mountainbike Raid Bocq association and club E.S.S. Mons who responded positively to our call.

We all wish to offer all the public (deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing) an international sports moment for the best mountain bikers from all over Europe.

Recent positive feedback received at the recent 8<sup>th</sup> European Championships Cycling in Brugge - Eeklo organized by our colleague, the D.S.V. (Dovensport Vlaanderen vzw) encourages us to follow the same path.

Welcome to Anhée!



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Hosted by **BDC**  
(Belgian Deaf Sport Committee)





## REGIONAL SPORTS

### APDSC - 9th ASIA PACIFIC DEAF GAMES 2019

Hong Kong Sports Association for the Deaf has agreed to host the 9th Asia Pacific Deaf Games to be held in Hong Kong in November 2019. APDSC Executive Committee is VERY pleased and grateful to Hong Kong Sports Association for the Deaf for deciding to host after some lobbying/negotiations for a while.

APDSC President and Treasurer visited Hong Kong for the site inspection last few days ago. They were VERY satisfied with the venue facilities, support, etc. that's why APDSC decided to give the Games to HKSAD as a Host.



A formal letter of agreement in principle has been signed by both of APDSC and HKSAD on 19th December 2017.

More information such as sports, accommodation, exact dates in November 2019, etc. will be announced late in March 2019.





*Wishing You a Joyful Holiday Season, Healthy And  
Prosperous New Year 2018!*



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