
ICSD HIGHLIGHTS

ICSD ACTIVITIES

ICSD establishes Women in Sports Commission



International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) has taken a major step towards empowering our deaf women in sports with the creation of its ICSD Women in Sport Commission. The role of the ICSD Women in Sport Commission will be to:

- advise the ICSD Executive Board on the development of policies related to promoting deaf women in sport;
- co-ordinate efforts to increase participation of women in world sports;
- develop ideas and initiatives to promote the role of women in world Deaf sports;
- ensure representation of women within ICSD governance structures;
- deliver advocacy on gender issues in World Deaf sports; and
- be active in raising awareness about gender equality in their respective domains.



"ICSD is pleased to announce the establishment of its Women in Sport Commission. We are highly confident that this Commission will greatly contribute to our efforts to increase the global participation of women in World Deaf sports, stated ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev. ICSD has always tried to promote gender equality with our women's and mixed-gender sports, and we believe we are one of the few international sports federations which has gone so far as to demonstrate this commitment by having our showcase competitive event the Deaflympics feature mixed gender teams."



The ICSD Executive Board has approved the initial members of the ICSD Women in Sport Commission as follows:

Rebecca ADAM (Australia): Chair of the ICSD Women in Sports Commission, Chair of the ICSD Legal Commission, member at large of the ICSD Executive Board since 2011.



Dawn Jani BIRLEY (Canada). Dawn has played competitive sports for many years and has represented Canada at numerous international sporting events. She took on taekwondo at age seven, and represented Canada at an international level between 1992 and 1999. She was also voted MVP of the 1995 Canadian Taekwondo Championships – a first time ever for any female athlete in this sport. ICSD awarded Ms Birley with the Sportswoman of the Year award in 1996.



Nadezhda SHAKHBAZYAN (Russia). Nadezhda has an involvement in Deaf Sports that spans 21 years. She is currently the Head of Deaflympics for the Russian Federation and is responsible for the delivery of the Russian Deaflympic team for each Deaflympic Games. Her campaign in Samsun, Turkey was the most successful ever for the Russian Committee of Deaf Sports, when the Russian team brought home over 198 medals.



Shirley KEOAGILE (Botswana). Shirley comes to the commission with impressive credentials in sports. Shirley is currently the Secretary General of CADS and is a founding member for the Botswana Deaf Sports Federation and has previously served as President of the Botswana Paralympic Commission. Her involvement in deaf sports has resulted in strong partnerships for deaf sports with similar-minded organisations including the IWG and with the Botswana's Government having served on the Executive Board of its National Sports Commission.



Sonu Anand SHARMA (India). Sonu shares her birthday with the International Women's Day and it is no surprise, that she has always been passionate about supporting the participation of women in sports through specialized training and coaching programs throughout India. She has also developed pathways for these women to participate in international competitions in badminton and in athletics.

PRESS RELEASE

1st World Deaf Youth Games



Dear ICSD Family,

Many of you have been concerned about the World Deaf Youth Games were to held in 2019 in Buenos Aires, Argentina (WDYG2019). Please note, that we have not received any formal written agreement between ICSD and the Argentinian Organising Committee (OC) regarding the WDYG2019. It was important for the ICSD to have an official letter from Argentina that would show how the event would be held. Without such a document, the ICSD could not formally approve holding of the WDYG2019 in Argentina. Unfortunately, Argentina is no longer a candidate.

ICSD has been fortunate enough to have found an alternative country and we are very pleased to announce that ARMENIA has agreed to host the WDYG2019 in its capital city of Yerevan during the period of 10-21 June 2019. ICSD reserves the right to amend the dates of the competition during the Executive Board meeting in Yerevan in May/June 2018.

ICSD will inform all about sports for competitions in Yerevan soon.

In conclusion, ICSD and the Armenian OC are striving to make sure that these Games will be a great success for our young athletes!

Warmest regards,

Dr. Valery Rukhledev,
President

YOUTH SPORTS

APPLICATIONS FOR THE YOUTH SPORTS COMMISSION ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

We are now in search for qualified candidates who will help advise the ICSD Executive Board on how to manage the Youth Sports programs at all levels such as international, regional and national. Successful candidates should be able to work under supervision of the ICSD Vice President of Youth Sports but also should at least possess the following:

INTERNATIONAL DEAF SPORTS INVOLVEMENT

Experience in international Deaf sports competitions as athletes, coaches, etc.(recent desirable but not required)

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Fluent in International Sign Language
Possess some mastery of the English language(desirable but not required)
Culturally sensitive and patient
Cooperate and work well on a team

ORGANISATIONAL & PLANNING SKILLS

Punctual and efficient with time management
Organised and sensitive to deadlines

MULTITASKING

Able to demonstrate competence in many areas (key concept: versatility)
Possess the ability to perform a wide range of assignments
Extremely versatile in providing back-up support for other jobs

FAMILIARITY WITH ICSD BYLAW 6J (YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM) (not effective yet)

Be familiar with the importance of ICSD Bylaw 6J
Adhere to the objectives set forth by ICSD Bylaw 6J

These Youth Sports Commission positions are based on volunteerism and also are not paid. However, their travel costs may be covered at the discretion of the ICSD Executive Board.

Please email your Curriculum Vitae (CV) to the ICSD CEO / Secretary General at office@ciss.org



WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

2018 WADA's Annual Symposium

The ICSD Doping Control Officer, Mr. Artem Buerov and the Advisor to the ICSD President, Ms. Xenia Morfopoulos attended the WADA Symposium, which is the main event on the global anti-doping calendar.



Compliance, funding and capturing the athlete's voice were among the main topics at the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA's) 14th Annual Symposium held last week in Lausanne, Switzerland

The WADA Symposium 2018 gathered a record 900 delegates from the global anti-doping community for three days of presentations, interviews, panel discussions, practical workshops and networking sessions. Athlete representatives, International Federations, government representatives, National and Regional Anti-Doping Organizations, Major Event Organizers, WADA-accredited laboratories and Athlete Passport Management units, as well as more than 50 international media and other stakeholders gathered together at the Swiss Tech Center under the theme "Shaping the Future of Clean Sport".

Most notably, the WADA President, Sir Craig Reedie, spoke of WADA's International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories that will enter into force on 1 April 2018, together with enhanced intelligence and investigations activity and the new Speak Up! whistleblower program.

"Together, we will change the game for clean sport and strengthen athlete and public trust and confidence."

The WADA Director General, Mr. Olivier Niggli, took delegates through the WADA's strategic priorities which include the following: harmonizing Code rules via the 2021 Code Review, simultaneous review of the International Standards; increasing scientific and social science research; enhancing education, most notably through the development of an International Standard for Education and Information; capacity building of Anti-Doping Organizations; and the ongoing overhaul of WADA's Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS).



One of the highlights of the Symposium's day one was a panel discussion focusing on rebuilding anti-doping in Russia, featuring representatives from RUSADA and one of its independent experts, the International Olympic Committee, UK Anti-Doping and WADA. The emphasis was set on the progress made to date by RUSADA and the task remaining to achieve the end goal of RUSADA being to re-join the international anti-doping community in

a credible and sustainable way that would restore confidence in the integrity of Russian sport.

Day two and three kicked off with a panel discussion on the need for an increased investment in the field of anti-doping necessary to protect clean sport. This was followed by a 'Speak Up!' session, which has gained significant trust of all stakeholders in its first 12 months in operation with 209 reports having been submitted in 2017.



WADA then gave an update on the topic of safeguarding doping control process with sustainable security bottle supply following the bottle manufacturer Berlinger Special AG's decision earlier this month to withdraw from the doping control business after experiencing serious integrity issues with some of its bottles.

ADeL

The remainder of the Symposium featured engaging sessions, such as increased collaboration through WADA's online education platform (ADeL) and optimising ADAMS for high performance, usability and assured data protection. In addition, there were practical workshops covering almost every facet of anti-doping.

In a whole, a very interesting and rich exchange platform dedicated to the international clean sport and the common goal of fighting doping with increased efficiency and regulated process.



SHARED NEWS

Deaf Czech Bobsledder, Jakub Nosek, at the Pyeongchang 2018



Jakub Nozek, Olympic and Deaflympics athlete

Jakub Nosek was born on 30 October 1989 in the Czech Republic. At the age of 29, Jakub is a Czech bobsledder participating in the Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang. He competed in the two-man and four-man event at the 2018 Winter Olympics, as well as the 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei, 2013 Deaflympics in Sofia, and Samsun 2017 in athletics in four various events: high jump, long jump, decathlon and javelin throw.

Jakub became Deaf after contracting meningitis at age 3. He lost 99% of hearing in his right ear and 80% in his left ear.

Four years ago, Jakub was invited to try the sport by Czech bobsledder Radek Matousek. The pair had studied at the same time at Charles University in Prague. He trains five to six days per week. Jakub wrote in his interview with ICSD Media: “Bobsleigh is not a mass sport, it is only for a few athletes and year by year, we are out of some guys from time to time. In four years ago, they came to me and asked if I would take a try, so I did. After practising in 4 years, I am the best on my team and representing my country in Olympics.”





He used lip-reading and normally speaking in both languages, Czech and English, to communicate with his coach and teammates. About his experience in the Olympics, Jakub said: “I think that most athletes don’t know about my hard of hearing, except my teammates, of course, some our bobsleigh athletes from other countries know that, and they are absolutely fine, no problem. I feel like I have no handicap. However, my teammates often do some hard jokes about hearing, but that’s ordinary.”

“My life story is now boom there in Czech, I am giving a lot of interviews and many people consider my story as very inspiring”.



Jakub participated at the 2013 Deaflympics in Sofia



Czech National Team Bobsledders

Terence Parkin to raise money for the Deaf Children's Learn

Olympic and Deaflympics Medalist Terence Parkin to raise money for the Deaf Children's Learn to Swim and Water Safety Programme

Parkin plans to cycle, swim and canoe a mammoth 902km between Johannesburg and Durban in order to generate funds for young South Africans with disabilities.

Parkin himself was born Deaf and overcame his personal challenges to become the most celebrated Deaflympics athlete in the world and a silver medal winner in the 2000 Summer Olympics. His natural talents as a swimmer and his passionate advocacy for young Deaf athletes led to the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation recently naming him as one of their Ambassadors.

He travels across the world giving talks on issues around water safety, preventing drowning fatalities and coaching children on how to swim.

He now plans to undertake the 902km challenge in order to raise funds so that Deaf South African youth can have the opportunity to benefit from learning to swim. This, as Parkin can personally attest to, has a number of benefits on physical health, emotional well-being and self esteem.



Terence Parkin



Parkin said: "I want to help children in South Africa to reach their full potential and grow into healthy adults," Parkin says of his cause.

"Swimming has been an incredible positive influence in my life and I want children with hearing difficulties and other challenges to experience something similar. Who knows, there may be more Olympic medalists out there in SA that we can reach through this initiative!"

Parkin intends to do a 5 day, 723km mountain bike cycle tour from Johannesburg to Midmar, where he will do a 13km swim. He will then do a 33km run and end off with a 124km, 3 day Dusi canoe marathon. It's an enormous challenge to his ability as an athlete but he feels up for the test, in the name of a worthy cause.





Nevin Galmarini is a CODA and Olympic athlete from Switzerland



Nevin Galmarini (born 4 December 1966) is a Swiss snowboarder and Olympic Champion. In February 2018 Nevin won a gold medal in the Parallel giant slalom at the Winter Olympics Pyeongchang 2018 dedicating his gold medal to his Deaf mother, Helene, in Sign Language.



Nevin and his mother, Helene

Nevin is a CODA (Child Of Deaf Adult) who has Deaf parents and son of the ICSD Technical Director on Snowboard, Marco Galmarini.

Nevin competed in the parallel giant slalom for Switzerland during the 2010 Winter Olympic games in Vancouver, Canada and in the 2014 Winter Olympic games in Sochi, Russia where he won the silver medal. He currently resides in Ardez, Switzerland.

"I had a normal and beautiful life. The only difference was that other children might mock me but I answered and had no trauma. Instead, I was living in 2 worlds: Deaf and Hearing. I learned a lot. I learned a second language: sign language and that enriched me." Nevin said to his interviewer in Switzerland.



Silver medalist at 2014 Sochi



Nevin Galmarini won a Gold medal at 2018 Pyeongchang



Marco Galmarini, Nevin's Dad, at Khanty-Mansiysk



APDSC President checks in with preparations for the 4th Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championships



The Asian Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation (APDSC) President, Mohammad Pargar paid a visit on 22-23 February to the city of Changwon, Korea, which will host the 4th Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championships from the 23 April - 6 May, 2018.



Mr. Mohammed Pargar joined by the Korean OC and officials

Mr. Mohammad Pargar met with the officials of the APDSC to discuss the preparation to this event as well as the general promotion of Deaf sports in the region. Mr. Cho Man Soo, the head of organizing committee, promised that Changwon will actively participate and said that the city authorities have already started the preparation activities to ensure a high level of competition and hospitality.

APDSC President thanked the Head of OC and its officials for their efforts. According to Mr. Mohammad Pargar, APDSC will actively contribute to the promotion of the event, so that the maximum number of Deaf athletes are

aware of that and have a chance to participate in the 4th edition of Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championships. Website: apdfc2018.com



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International Basketball Camps Miha Zupan 2018



Bojan Mord and Miha Zupan at Basketball Camp

Three (3) camp tournaments will be lead by a world famous Deaf basketball player. Miha Zupan is a Slovenia professional basketball player. He is the only Deaf person to play in professional basketball league and in the EuroCup. Miha has competed at the Deaflympics on 5 occasions from 1997 - 2017.

Under the leadership of Miha Zupan and assistant coaches the participants will, twice a day, have the opportunity to get acquainted with sports and improve their knowledge of sports.

Practices are carefully planned out and are moulded to the level of abilities of the participants. We welcome all basketball players/ sports enthusiasts who wish to improve their knowledge of basketball. We wish to include all, whether you are deaf, hard of hearing or hearing as well, as they will also be introduced to the world of the deaf where people use sign language to communicate.

Miha Zupan will surely transfer his knowledge and love of basketball to all of the participants and will selflessly help them learn more about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. In 2015 Miha received the award called the "Apple of Inspiration" from the Slovenian President Borut Pahor. He received this award for his selflessness, commitment, honesty and generosity, all of which mark his basketball career.

- **1st International Basketball 3x3 tour name for the Deaf, Separate Tournament of 3 x 3 Ljubljana Challenger, 16-18 August 2018**
- **3rd International Basketball Camp for Children for ages from 8 to 17, 1-7 July 2018**
- **4th International Miha Zupan Basketball Camp for ages 18 and above, 13-18 August 2018**

We expect to receive applications from participants coming from other European countries, making the overall line-up international.

Website: <http://mihazupan.org/en/>



Miha Zupan - Deaf professional basketball from Slovenia. He played among hearing players at the highest level in Europe. He has competed at the Deaflympics on 5 occasions from 1997 - 2017.



REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

EDSO - 4TH EUROPEAN DEAF MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS (UPDATED VERSION) 05 MAY - 13 MAY 2018 in ANHEE, BELGIUM



Dear athletes and leaders,

We are pleased to remind you that these competitions will take place from Saturday 5 May to Sunday 13 May 2018 in Anhee.

To date, 60 riders and officials have us confirmed their presence at these 4th European Championships. The participants come from 10 countries namely: Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Russia, Sweden, Ukraine and of course Belgium. We hope that other countries will soon confirm their presence!



We already want to thank the officials of the E.D.S.O. namely Mr. Larch, T.O. and O. Pansky, member for the good collaboration and hope to best meet your expectations so that these Championships can be a success!

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

The official program (*) :

Friday 04 May 2018

Race Headquarters (HQ) is open in the Centre Sportif (Rue du Petit Bois 3, 5537 Anhee)

Saturday 05 May 2018

Race Office is open in the Centre Sportif
08:00 – 20:00 Arrival teams Centre Sportif
Distribution of accreditations
Training

Sunday 06 May 2018

08:00 – 12:00 Training
14:00 – 16:00 Opening Ceremony
16:00 – 21:00 Race Office is open in the Hôtel Les Jardins de la Molinee
(Rue de la Molinee 1, 5537 Anhee)
20:00 – 21:00 Team manager's meeting





Monday 07 May 2018

14:00 – 20:00
17:00 – 18:00
21:30 – 22:30

Race Office is open in the Hôtel Les Jardins de la Molignée
EC XCR – Location : Warnant (*if 4 teams minimum registered*)
Team manager's meeting

Tuesday 08 May 2018

11:00 – 20:00
14:30 – 18:30

Race Office is open in the Hôtel Les Jardins de la Molignée
EC XCE – Location : Anhée Center

Wednesday 09 May 2018

11:00 – 20:00
10:00 – 12:00
20:00 – 21:00

Race Office is open in the Hôtel Les Jardins de la Molignée
(and 14:00 – 16:00) Cultural visit
Team manager's meeting

Thursday 10 May 2018

08:00 – 18:00
09:30 – 11:00
11:30 – 13:00

Race Office is open in the Hôtel Les Jardins de la Molignée
EC XCO Women – Location : Warnant
EC XCO Men

Friday 11 May 2018

08:00 – 20:00
10:00 – 11:00
14:00 – 16:00

Race Office is open in the Hôtel Les Jardins de la Molignée
Team manager's meeting
Cultural visit

Saturday 12 May 2018

08:00 – 15:00
09:00 – 15:00
16:30 – 18:30
18:30 – 02:00

Race Office is open in the Hôtel Les Jardins de la Molignée
EC XCM Men and Women - Location : Anhée (Centre Sportif)
Closing Ceremony
Closing dinner and closing Party

Sunday 13 May 2018

08:00 – 16:00

Departure teams

(*) subject to modification according to the number of registered.

Welcome to **Anhée** !

For the organising committee,

Nicolas Rettmann

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BDC
Belgian Deaf sport
Committee

Official link to the 4th European Mountainbike Championships 2018 is : www.deafsport.be/fr/ECMOUNTAINBIKE2018

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/deafmtb18>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2018

11 Jun 2018 - **3rd World Deaf Cadet and Junior Greco-Roman & Freestyle Wrestling Championships.** [Youth World Championships](#)
Vladimir RUS



11 Jun 2018 - **5th World Deaf Senior Greco-Roman & Freestyle Wrestling Championships.** [World Championships](#)
Vladimir RUS



07 Jul 2018 - **U21 World Deaf Basketball Championships.** [Youth World Championships](#)
Washington DC USA



12 Jul 2018 - **2nd World Deaf Handball Championships.** [World Championships](#)
Caxias do Sul BRA



21 Jul 2018 - **World Deaf Golf Championships.** [World Championships](#)
Dublin IRL



22 Aug 2018 - **1st World Deaf Sambo Championships.** [World Championships](#)
Maykop RUS



22 Sep 2018 - **1st World Deaf Sailing Championships.** [World Championships](#)
Puck POL



22 Sep 2018 - **World Deaf Tennis Championships: Dresse and Maere Cup.** [World Championships](#)
Antalya TUR





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