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IPC Strategic Plan

The Governing Board (GB) reviewed the draft IPC Strategic Plan 2015-2018 that was developed following the IPC Membership Gathering in October 2014 where IPC members had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the key strategic themes.

The Strategic Plan includes the IPC's vision and aspiration, a framework of strategic goals, specific strategic priorities and objectives and tools to measure performance. The Governing Board extensively discussed the draft plan and provided feedback that will now serve to review the IPC Strategic Plan. The new version will be circulated to the GB for approval by end of February, prior to its public release by end of March.

In a next phase the corporate plan 2015 will be developed that defines the priorities and the activities for the operational implementation of the Strategic Plan.

CEO Report

The CEO presented a comprehensive written report that covered updates on a wide range of operational activities and key developments in relation to the current IPC strategic goals and associated corporate planning.

Finances

The Governing Board reviewed the expected results for FY 2014. The final report and fully audited financial statements will be presented to the GB at its meeting in June 2015.

The Governing Board approved the detailed IPC Budget for FY 2015 which was the outcome of a thorough planning and budgeting process that had involved all budget holders of the IPC.

The Governing Board also adopted a policy for the use of the unrestricted capital reserve which is intended to provide stability and an internal source of funds for situations of unexpected expenses.

IPC membership

The Governing Board approved the provisional membership of the Badminton World Federation, the Aruba National Paralympic Committee, and the Yemen National Paralympic Committee.



The IPC General Assembly in 2015 will be invited to ratify the membership of all three organisations.

The Governing Board further agreed that a review is necessary of one of the eligibility conditions for IPC membership, i.e. the rule that only NPCs from countries/territories that hold ‘recognition by the international community’ can apply for IPC membership. The Governing Board will consider this further subject to the advice of the Legal and Ethics Committee.

Governance structure – Standing Committees

Appointment to IPC Standing Committees

The Governing Board considered the recommendation of the respective chairpersons and appointed the following members to the consultative Standing Committees:

Development Committee: Chairperson Rita van Driel (NPC Netherlands):

Members: Bjorn Omar Evju (NPC Norway), Dominique Bizimana (NPC Rwanda), Juan Pablo Salazar (IWRF, Colombia), Kristina Molloy (NPC Canada), Martin Lam (NPC Hong Kong).

Education Committee: Chairperson Nick Fuller (NPC Great Britain)

Members: Luciana Scheid (NPC Brazil), Tim Prendergast (NPC New Zealand), Steven Ungerleider (NPC USA), Georges Seriki (NPC Benin), May Kim (NPC Korea).

Paralympic Games Committee: Chairperson Matt Smith (FISA (Switzerland/USA))

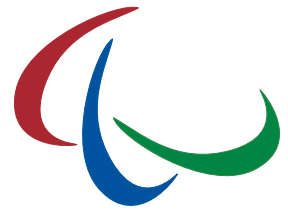
Members: Masoud Ashrafi Khozani (NPC Iran), Evgeny Bukharov (NPC Russia), Mark Bullock (ITF-Great Britain), Dena Coward (NPC Canada), Tim Hollingsworth (NPC Great Britain), Terje Jentoft Roel (NPC Norway), Lambis Konstantinidis (NPC Greece), Cyril More (NPC France), Julie O'Neill (NPC USA).

Women in Sport Committee: Chairperson Tine Teilmann (NPC Denmark)

Members: Muffy Davies (NPC USA), Pena Drusilla Kandji (NPC Namibia), Shaunna Taylor (NPC Canada), Limor Goldberg (NPC Israel).

Governance structure – Councils

The 2013 IPC General Assembly had approved that the current IOSDs/Regions/Sports Councils would be dissolved once alternate mechanisms and means were jointly developed with the respective council. Any agreed conclusions will be reported back to the membership for approval by subsequent vote at the 2015 General Assembly.



As a result of this decision each of the councils had been asked to take the lead and initiate the discussion with their respective members. A first proposal was circulated to the Governing Board during the meeting in October 2014. With regard to the IOSDs and Regions Councils further clarification had been sought on their initial proposal.

No response had been received yet by the IOSDs Council.

Successful negotiations were held with the Regions Council. The Governing Board endorsed the jointly agreed proposal for an alternative structure to replace the Regions Council

The Sports Council announced it would submit a more detailed proposal with regard to the creation of an independent 'Association of Paralympic Sport Organisations' (APSO) that would have a focus on strategic and political matters.

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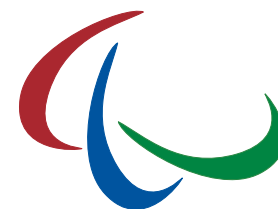
The Governing Board approved the following amended rules and regulations, which will be published in the IPC Handbook shortly and can be downloaded from the IPC website:

- IPC Governing Board Bylaws
- IPC Award selection Policy: section on Paralympic Sports Awards selection process
- IPC Athletics Sports Rules: prosthesis maximum allowable height; and the timeframe for the implementation of the new rule (to be published on the IPC Athletics website)

The Governing Board was further informed of the key changes to version 2 of the IPC Classification Code and International Standards, which will now be released for a third consultation round with the IPC membership.

IPC Broadcasting Strategy

The GB considered the IPC Broadcast Strategy proposed by the IPC management team to whom the GB had given the authority to further explore the feasibility for IPC to fully retain the broadcasting rights for the Paralympic Games. A business plan had been developed that is now shared with the IOC for review and discussion.



Paralympic Games Programme

Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Programme

Para canoe medal events programme

The Governing Board had decided in October 2014 to postpone a decision on the para-canoe medal events programme for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games to allow the International Canoe Federation (ICF) to finalise its classification research project.

The Governing Board now reviewed a report providing an analysis of the progress made in the classification system for both the kayak and the Va'a disciplines. The ICF's very co-operative approach was noted.

It was reported that the classification system for the kayak discipline can be considered robust thanks to the significant data collection and analysis conducted by ICF over the past months.

With regard to the Va'a discipline it was reported that the analysis and interpretation of the data had been restricted due to the lower number of participants. More data collection based on a larger number of athletes is required for the Va'a discipline before classification rules can be proposed. An analysis of worldwide reach will also have to be made thereafter.

As a result, the Governing Board approved the following medal events programme for inclusion in the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, with the restriction of one entry per athlete:

	Men	Women
Class 1	Kayak	Kayak
Class 2	Kayak	Kayak
Class 3	Kayak	Kayak

ITF request to postpone IPC decision on non-inclusion of power chair athletes in quad class until after Rio 2016

The GB was informed that the International Tennis Federation (ITF) had accepted the decision by the GB that athletes in power chairs should not compete in the quad class at



Paralympic Games. The ITF indicated they would proceed with the development of a stand-alone power chair class.

The GB considered and approved the request from the ITF to postpone the implementation of the IPC Governing Board decision on the non-inclusion of power chair athletes in the quad class until after the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, subject to the following conditions:

- ITF to develop and submit the proposed new rules with no further delay, i.e., in the next months.
- ITF to publicly announce the decision to create a separate powered wheelchair division, effective 1 January 2017.
- The IPC Governing Board maintains the right to reverse its acceptance for a delayed implementation in absence of the ITF's initiation of complying with the above actions.

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Programme

In addition to the 16 sports already approved by the Governing Board in October 2014 for inclusion in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (athletics, archery, badminton, boccia, equestrian, goalball, powerlifting, rowing, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, table tennis, triathlon, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby and wheelchair tennis) the board further reviewed the level of compliance for the following eight sports: canoe, cycling, football 5-a-side, football 7-a-side, judo, taekwondo, sailing and wheelchair fencing.

During the review all sports had been equally assessed for worldwide participation in terms of countries and continents where the sport is regularly practiced, quadrennial competition programme, rules and regulations with regard to athlete classification and anti-doping programme.

It was reported that a maximum number of 23 sports can be included in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic sports programme however, the IPC Governing Board also pointed out that it also had the option to reduce the number of sports if this is necessary to ensure that the final Tokyo 2020 Paralympic sports programme is attractive and compelling.

The Governing Board carefully reviewed the analysis presented and approved the inclusion of the following six sports: canoe, cycling, football 5-a-side, judo, taekwondo, and wheelchair fencing.

The Governing Board further decided that the sports of sailing and football 7-a-side would not be included in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic sports programmes as they do not meet the criteria for inclusion as stipulated in the IPC Handbook; especially the core requirements in relation to worldwide participation.



A caution was also given with regard to the discipline of track cycling for which participation levels and competition opportunities do not justify the current allocation of seventeen (17) medal events on the Paralympic Games programme. This may lead to a reduction in the number of medal events (and perhaps athletes) for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. A decision on these quotas will be taken later in 2017.

IOC Relations

The Governing Board was updated on the fruitful relations between the IPC and the IOC and considered the elements for the negotiations and development of the 2022 and 2024 Games agreement.

IPC Recognition to International Federations

IPC recognition was granted to the World Armwrestling Federation (WAF) and the World Squash Federation (WSF).

Reports

A general progress report was submitted by the IPC Paralympic Games Department on the key activities, challenges, and progress made by the OCOGs for the Games in Rio 2016, PyeongChang 2018, and Tokyo 2020, and information was provided on the 2022 Host City selection process.

The board also reviewed progress reports submitted by the IPC Standing Committees. An update was presented on the Anti-Doping Rule Violations that had occurred since the last GB meeting.

A report was also submitted on the medal events that might be at risk from being removed from the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games athletics medal events and on the event replacement policy and procedures.

IPC Sports management and governance

In a separate session the Governing Board extensively discussed the current status of the IPC sports governance and management structure and their progress towards sustainability. It was



agreed that a comprehensive status report would be prepared for the 2015 IPC General Assembly.

A written report was also presented on each of the IPC Sports, providing a summary on their key activities and priorities in a number of areas, media activities, sports management statistics, budget and finances, as well as areas of concern and proposed solutions.

AGITOS Foundation

A separate meeting was also held in which the key principles were approved for the further development of a strategic and fundraising plan, including a new governance and management structure for the Agitos Foundation. A progress report was provided on the various projects conducted in the course of 2013 and 2014. The accounts for FY 2014 were received and the budget FY 2015 was approved.

The next meeting of the IPC Governing Board will be held from 5-7 June 2015 in Tokyo, Japan.