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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In the early part 2011 it was with great sorrow that we received the news that fellow member of the IWAS Executive Board, Mr Juan Palau Francas had sadly passed away following several months of ill health. Palau had played an instrumental part in bringing together the two organisations of ISOD and ISMWSF in becoming the amalgamated body of IWAS. He continued to contribute and play an active role on the IWAS Executive Board, and will be a valued member that will be greatly missed.

In my last report I discussed the 'Succession Strategy' that had been put into place in preparation of IWAS Secretary General, Maura Strange initially reducing her hours to part time before retirement and also replacing her role as Executive Director. The Executive Management Committee (EMC) has now been in place for over a year and continues to meet for monthly Skype calls to ensure good communication. In addition Head of Operations, Charmaine Hooper and I also have weekly Skype calls which have assisted her to move into her new role smoothly.

As part of the IWAS mission we continue to promote and ensure that we have a full and active calendar of sporting opportunities for our athletes. You will see in the following report that Wheelchair Fencing has yet again had a full and busy year. I was fortunate that this year I was able to accept the kind invitation from the organising committee in Catania that were hosting the IWAS 2011 Wheelchair Fencing World Championship. It was a spectacular event for several reasons, but especially it was now the third time that the championships had been held at the same time as the able bodied FIE event.

During the 2011 IWAS General Assembly the nations in attendance were able to receive a presentation from Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EWH) chairman, John Teunissen. IWAS has for several years have been working with EWH to

help them grow and assist them to provide competition opportunities for the severely disabled. It was with great pleasure that I was able to announce during the GA that EWH had now reached the status of a full IWAS sports section with all the rights and responsibilities thereof within IWAS.

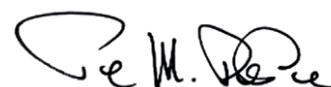
Also at the GA I was able to discuss the sport of Amputee Football a sport that had been invited to the IWAS World Games in Sharjah as an exhibition sport. During this time, members from the IWAS executive had also met with the two teams involved and representatives for the international organisation. At that time the structure of the sport was not clear and they had approached IWAS to ask us to assist them to strengthen and develop the sport. The situation has been seen as a parallel to the way IWAS helped Wheelchair Rugby to grow from an exhibition sport to a competitive and properly governed sport, leading finally to Paralympic status.

During the year IWAS has continued its collaboration with CPISRA culminating with athletes with cerebral palsy competing at both the IWAS 2011 World Games and Junior Games. This can only be considered the ultimate goal in providing more competition opportunities for the athletes. As a member of the IWAS/CPISRA working group, Karl Vilhelm Nielsen will discuss more about this in his report.

For 2011 both the IWAS World Games and Junior World Games were held in the same country as each other, the UAE. The junior event hosted in Dubai by the organising committee from the Dubai Club for Special Sports in April. Then later in the year the World Games were hosted in Sharjah by the Althiqah Club for the Handicapped. With both events being a monumental success, IWAS would like to extend our gratitude to the organising committees and all their volunteers for providing such amazing sporting completions for our athletes.

Moving forward from the success of both the World Games and Junior Games it was also my pleasure to announce that IWAS EB member Dina Sotiriadi had agreed to take on the role of the chairperson for the Games Committee, which will oversee the Games selection and evaluation of all the Games venues and programmes.

IWAS continues to be a dynamic Federation focused on the objective of maximizing sport opportunities for athletes to complete and develop and to assist its member nations in improving their programs. I look forward to working with you toward achieving these goals.



Paul DePace IWAS President

ABOUT IWAS

As a multi-sport governing body (IF), it has been in existence from 1952 and followed the vision of its creator and leader, Sir Ludwig Guttman, in establishing the event now known as the Paralympic Games.

IWAS, throughout its history, has been a generous contributor to the nations and their athletes, nurturing leadership and skills in their volunteer technical expert base, and has never lost sight over the past 55 years of the basic premise for its existence so firmly encapsulated in its motto "**Friendship, Unity and Sportsmanship**" and mission statement.

Formerly two separate organisations, ISMWSF and ISOD amalgamated in 2004 to create IWAS and continue to provide and indeed expand upon Games programmes as well as sport specific development and Championship programmes.



- Founders of the Paralympic Games and movement
 - Founding member of the International Paralympic Committee
 - Originator of the renowned international Stoke Mandeville model of sport for persons with a disability
 - Creators of the international pathway for athletes across all sports from grass roots to elite
 - Nearly 60 years' experience and success worldwide, supported by a network of over 70 national member organisations
- IWAS (International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation) is a vibrant and constantly growing Federation providing opportunity for persons with a physical disability to participate in sport from grass roots to elite.

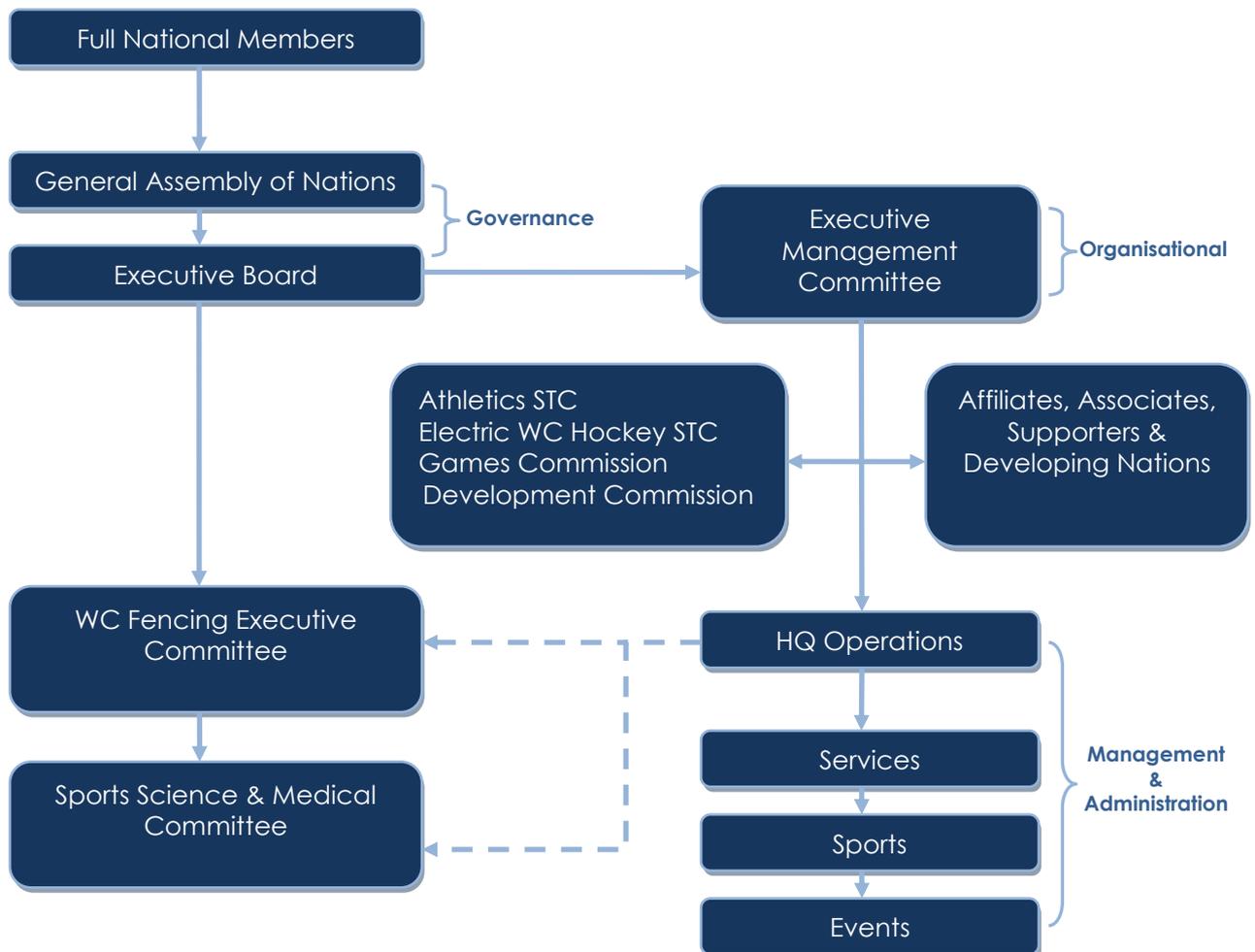
VISION (as of April 2012)

Inspire **W**orldwide **A**chievements in **S**port

MISSION (as of April 2012)

IWAS, a founder member of the Paralympic movement, has the mission to develop sporting opportunities for athletes to maximize their potential

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



IWAS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SERVING OFFICERS

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Mr Paul DePace
IWAS Executive Management Committee
United States of America

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr Karl Vilhelm Nielsen
IWAS Executive Management Committee
Denmark

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Iran

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Spain

Dina Sotiriadi
Greece

Rudi Van den Abbeele
France

Juan Palau Francas
(Deceased April 2011)
Spain

SECRETARY GENERAL

Maura Strange
IWAS Executive Management
Committee

HONORARY TREASURER

Bob Paterson
IWAS Executive Management
Committee

Presentations of Reports

Paul DePace, IWAS President

The International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) is a Charitable Company (limited by Guarantee and registered in England and Wales with Companies House (2713410) and the Charity Commission (1011552).

IWAS is obliged to produce and file Annual Reports for Companies House and the Charity Commission as well as its membership. IWAS therefore produces two separate reports which together cover all requirements – a comprehensive Annual Financial Report on the Charity's Accounts, independently examined and reported upon by Rachel Andrews FCMA, and this Annual Operational Report, which covers all the activities of the Federation.

It should be noted that there are new reporting practices (as disclosed in SORP 2005) and being a smaller Charity, the Federation falls below the audit threshold of £500,000 sterling. The Executive Board still considers that an independent examination of the accounts is sufficient for the Federation's needs.

IWAS THE ORGANISATION 2010-2013

The Executive Board meet at least once a year face to face, with interim progress reports supplied by the Chair of the Executive Management Committee (EMC) to the Board. The Executive Board is responsible for the governance of the Federation including strategic direction and policy of the Charity and is answerable to the General Assembly of Nations in this respect

Recruitment & Election of Executive Board (EB)

The Directors of the Company, who are also Trustees for the purposes of charity law under the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), are known as the members of the Executive Board.

The exception to this rule is that the Secretary General is a Director/Company Secretary, but not a Trustee according to Charity Law.

The Executive Board is elected/re-elected/re-appointed on a quadrennial basis at the biennial General Assembly held in the year following the Paralympic Games. The next elections therefore will be held in 2013.

The Federations biennial General Assembly was held in Sharjah, UAE in December 2011. The Federation's Secretary General notified the membership and made a call for motions and mandates in accordance with timelines prescribed in the Federation's Constitution (Memorandum & Articles of Association and Internal Regulations).

The Charity's focus is providing international development and sporting opportunity for persons with a physical disability globally. As such, the Executive Board members seek to ensure that the needs of this group are

reflected through the diversity of the Trustees, with all members having a background in one of more aspects of sport governance and/or management and 5 of these additionally being ex athletes.

Personal and business skills of Executive Board members are taken into account when allocating portfolio/job descriptions. An annual assessment of EB members' performances is undertaken.

Executive Management Committee (EMC)

An EMC is constituted from members of the Federation's Executive Board (Vice President, Secretary General and Hon Treasurer), under the leadership of the President, to replace the function of an Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer.

Trustee Induction & Training

Every opportunity is taken at events and meetings to provide new trustees with familiarisation sessions about the Charity and the context in which it operates. All members are supplied by the IWAS HQ with updates sent by the Charity Commission to keep them up to date with current affairs and their legal and financial responsibilities.

Risk Management

The Executive Board recognises its obligation to conduct an annual review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. As a result, during the period covered by this report, the Federation has continued to implement:

- A contingency policy for the Charity's reserves to **retain in reserves the minimum level needed to cover staff redundancies should the Federation no longer have the financial means to continue operations.** Currently, therefore the Federation maintains £50,000 in reserves for this purpose. This amount is reviewed when there are changes to staffing.
- A succession strategy designed to minimise any risk to the Federation during a 5 year period of interim planning for the full-time retirement of the Federations Executive Director/Secretary General (2008 to 2013). **Currently, the Federation is over 4 years into this strategy, with 2 ½ of these already allocated to the training of a Head of Operations (HoO). The former Executive Director function no longer exists as a paid singular function, but has been replaced by the Executive Management Committee (see above). The position of Secretary General still remains with the present incumbent, but on a part-time paid basis from May 2010.** A new organisational chart has been published to reflect this change and an Executive Board motion will be considered at the forthcoming General Assembly to make change to the Federations MAA (Constitution) to reflect this new infrastructure.

Compliance with health and safety of staff and visitors to the HQ offices is managed by the Charity's HOO.

Vice President Karl Vilhelm Nielsen

In 2011 the collaboration between CPISRA and IWAS continued, both at executive level and by providing opportunities for the athletes.

During the IWAS World Junior Games in Dubai, 30% of the total numbers were athletes with Cerebral Palsy (CP). Providing the opportunity for over 50 athletes in the classes 31-38 with the opportunity to compete at the event. This event provided the first official event for athletes with CP to compete at an International Games level since the CPISRA World Games in Connecticut, USA in 2005.

The success of this event provided the IWAS/CPISRA working group to be able to encourage the LOC for the IWAS 2011 World Games, Sharjah to include a new sport to the programme – RaceRunning. It uses a kind of three wheeled bike, without peddles that the athletes with CP use to help them run on the track.

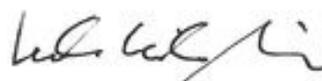
I witnessed in the summer of 2010 a girl aged about 10 years old who had never moved without her parents assistance use a RaceRunning bike and within 30 minutes she was able to move herself for the first time. It is a truly amazing event to witness. It provides athletes with CP with new possibilities.

During the IWAS 2011 General Assembly the feedback from the attending Nations was very supportive for the current and future plans for the IWAS and CPISRA collaboration. And encouragement received to continue the good work.

It was also reported during the General Assembly that during the four days of classification prior to the IWAS World Games in Sharjah that 35-40% of the total number of athletes classified were CPISRA athletes and many of those were athletes in the high disability classes. This had therefore provided a tremendously important opportunity for athletes with CP.

The IWAS World Games in Sharjah also provided the opportunity for combined events for 51/52 classes and also 31/32 class athletes.

Thanks should be extended to the organising committees for the World Game and World Junior Games organising committees for their support and actions to include athletes with CP into the IWAS Games.



Karl Vilhelm Nielsen
Vice President IWAS

Secretary General, Maura Strange



In 2011 the Succession Strategy continued on its pathway successfully with the Secretary General (SG) role now on a part time basis. The role continued to support the fundamental strategic objectives of the Federation, whilst ensuring tasks associated within the job description were prioritised and completed without the burden of excessive operational and administrative demands intervening.

Within the year there were two IPC ISODs Council Meetings attended by the SG. The first being held in Bonn on the 19th and 20th February and was also attended by the IWAS Vice President, Karl Vilhelm Nielsen. During this meeting Mr Bob Price, President of INAS-FID was elected as the new Chairman for the IOSDs Council. One of the first actions identified by the members was to encourage a closer co-operation with the IPC Governing Board. The opportunity was also taken later in year prior to the IPC General Assembly in Beijing for the IOSDs Council to meet again. For this meeting the SG was joined by IWAS President, Paul DePace, and who both went on to attend the IPC General Assembly.

As SG the role included being a member of the Executive

Management Committee (EMC) which continued to meet via monthly Skype calls throughout the year. The EMC was created in 2010 to take over the role of Executive Director when Maura Strange stepped down from this position, and to assist Charmaine Hooper into her new position of Head of Operations. The EMC has been successful in continuing the support and governance to HQ.

During 2011 the Executive Board met on two separate occasions, the first on the 15th & 16th April prior to the IWAS World Junior Games in Dubai. The second meeting held on the 30th November just before the IWAS World Games in Sharjah. Thanks are given to both organising committees in extending their invitations to host both meetings alongside their commitments to the games.

The 2011 IWAS Games also provided the opportunity to show the success of the IWAS/CPIRSA working group with the inclusion of athletes with cerebral Palsy participating at both the IWAS World Junior Games and then later in the year at the IWAS World Games. The working group which was set up in the previous year (2010) with three members each from IWAS and CPIRSA met in July

of this year. More details regarding this are discussed within the report of fellow team member Karl Vilhelm Nielsen.

Towards the end of the year the IWAS General Assembly was held in Sharjah, prior to the World Games. It provided an opportunity for SG Maura Strange to tell the nations how positive she had felt in the previous year and how much of a relief that the burden of daily operations had been lifted from her. Adding that she felt confident

with the new role of Head of Operations, which had been created before going on to thank Charmaine Hooper. Maura concluded that IWAS was her family and she hoped to remain part of it.

Maura Strange
Secretary General IWAS

Sport Sciences & Medical Committee Chairman, Dr Oriol Martinez

In my capacity as IWAS Medical Officer, it is an honour for me to present this report to the members of the IWAS Executive Board for their approval, detailing the activities of the Sport Sciences and Medical Committee (SS&MC) during the period September 2010 to February 2011

1. Comments and reflections on the IWAS Medical Officer position

I reminded the IWAS Executive Board that in the final part of my IWAS Medical Officer Report - August 2010 I reported on the IWAS Anti-Doping Management and the level of responsibility and legal consequences that can derive from incorrect administration of Anti-Doping management.

During this period I would like to stress there has been a great effort on the part of the IWAS Headquarters from Mrs Charmaine Hooper and Ms Stacey Ashwell who have increased their knowledge and management in all the Anti-Doping affairs, always with the invaluable expert support of Mrs. Maura Strange.

New issues have arisen in this final period within the IWAS SS& MC, one being the standing down of the IWAS Anti-Doping Committee President, Mr. Toni Pascual for professional reasons.

Due to my professional positions as a clinical doctor and university professor I have also stepped down from my role as IWAS Medical Officer, although I will remain on the IWAS Executive Board as a member at large. I feel that with my numerous on going commitments I am currently holding back the progression and abilities of the committee, and by allowing someone else to take my position would greatly assist and reach new achievements.

2. Coordination and application of the new IWAS Anti-doping Code 2009 - 2012

In collaboration with the IWAS Anti-Doping committee President Dr Toni Pascual the final rectifications have been achieved on the IWAS Anti-Doping Code 2009-2012, I would like to thank Mrs Maura Strange for her personal assistance in this matter.

You can now consult the IWAS Anti-Doping code and use the management possibilities via the IWAS website <http://iwaf.com> along with the WADA Prohibited Substances List.

WADA considers that we have some areas to improve to achieve full compliance with the Code:

- Therapeutic Use Exemptions (please refer to article 4.4 of the Code and to the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions) as we do not use the ADAMS system.

- Out-of-competition testing program (please refer to article 5 of the Code and to the International Standard for Testing). We have not established a RTP pool in IWAS major sports.
- Results management process (please refer to article 7 of the Code). Again, we do not use the ADAMS system.

Sport Sciences and Medical Committee (SS&MC), structures and actual members.

After being admitted the Code to the new IWAS Anti-doping and in their application the

Following completion of the IWAS Anti-Doping code the IWAS SS&MC has now been reorganized and re-structured:

IWAS SS&MC Members:	Dr Bassam Qasrawi (Kuwait) – not permanent commitment
	Dr Rafael Martínez Cayere (Puerto Rico) – not commitment
	Dr Luca Michelini (Italy)
IWAS Anti-doping Sub-committee:	VACANT – Chairperson
IWAS TUE Sub-committee:	Dr Norma Angélica Patiño (Mexico)
	Dr Johnson Niño-Soto (Colombia) – not permanent commitment
	Dr Oriol Martínez (Spain) – TUE Sub-committee chair

Starting from this new stage they will cover the vacancies especially that of the IWAS Anti-Doping Sub-committee and those that I at the moment occupy.

4. Anti-Doping programme: Follow up Process September 2010 – February 2011

During this period the IWAS Anti-doping Sub-committee and IWAS TUE Sub-committee has supervised the following controls with the following results:

4.1. Official Anti-doping Controls:

- W. Fencing: 12
- EW Hockey: 6
- Guangzhou Asian Para Games, by IPC jurisdiction: 4 in W. Fencing

4.2. Adverse Anti-Doping result and Initial Review:

- EW Hockey: 3 and initial review of all cases with current and correct TUE
- W Fencing: 1 and initial review which didn't proceed in this case.

4.3. TUE's procedure:

- Standard TUE in this period: 8
- W Fencing: 1 – EW Hockey: 7

4.4. Hearing and sanctions:

- Athletics: 1 Mr. LaBarbera (Italy) two years penalty. This case it is at moment in appeal process on Court Arbitral in Sport – C.A.S

5. IWAS Sport Sciences and Medical Committee proposals for 2011-2012

- Re-constitution to the IWAS Sport Sciences and Medical Committee principal and strategic positions.
- To achieve full compliance to the WADA Code
- Popularization of the new IWAS Anti-doping code, version 2009.
- Lend service according to 2009 IWAS Anti-doping Code: Anti-Doping controls, Educational Programme and TUE Procedures
- Specific professional training for the IWAS Headquarter staff in general management of all the derived actions of anti-doping affairs in compliance the World Code, especially in: TUE management, ADAMS administration system, Anti-doping controls, management of Adverse Analytical Finding, administration of Hearing, others.
- Supervise all the A-D Controls and TUE's in IWAS Official Sports and the IWAS Official Events and Games.
- Development of the Educational Anti-Doping Programme for the IWAS Junior Games to be held during this period, as specific education for young athletes.
- To maintain our good relationships and collaboration in all topics which are of the SS&MC, with the IPC especially with the IPC Anti-doping Committee, IPC Medical Committee and IPC Medical & Scientific department.

Maintenance a good relationships with WADA-AMA organization in specially to define the role, the responsibilities and the jurisdiction of IWAS in the Paralympic movement and their function of an International Federation and organizer of regular multi-sports games.

- Finally, carry out all the actions required the IWAS Executive Board and IWAS Headquarter.

6. Final considerations

I would like to finally ratify my resignation as IWAS Medical Officer and IWAS Sports Science and Medical Committee Chairperson.

Although will continue to offer my advice and consultancy from my position of IWAS Executive, Member at Large to my successor in the Medical Officer position and to the personnel of the IWAS Headquarter in having loaded in the Anti-doping management during this period of command that was granted me by the IWAS General Assembly of Nations.

Respectfully submitted, 9th March, 2011



Dr. Oriol Martínez

IWAS Medical Officer

Games Commission

IWAS World Junior Games 2011



Location:	Dubai, UAE
Dates:	14 – 21 April
Sports Included:	Athletics, Powerlifting, Table Tennis
Local Organising Committee:	IWAS World Junior Games – Dubai 2011 Organizing Committee
Number of athletes:	506
Number of countries:	20

In April 2011 the IWAS World Junior Games was hosted by the Dubai Club for Special Sport, who pulled out all the stops to create a memorable event for the 220 athletes taking part in the competition. Teams travelled to Dubai from 21 countries to participate in Athletics, Powerlifting and Table Tennis.

During the opening ceremony IWAS President Paul DePace welcomed everyone to the IWAS World Junior Games adding that he was happy to be bringing the games to the Gulf Region for the first time.

Before wishing the athletes good luck in their endeavours and adding that he hoped that the Games would promote communication through sports between nations on the pathway to mutual an understanding and peace.

The event was heralded as a great success, with Great Britain leading the table in athletics. Although the low number of participants for the Table Tennis event the feedback was encouraging. Several of the teams stated how it had been good for the young athlete to play with more experienced players from different countries.



Volunteers from the World Junior Games



Medal



A few of the medal winners

IWAS World Games 2011



Location:	Sharjah, UAE
Dates:	1 – 8 December
Sports Included:	Athletics, Powerlifting, Racercycling, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Amputee Football (demonstration sport)
Local Organising Committee:	Althiqah Club for Handicapped
Number of athletes:	
Number of countries:	39

The beginning of December saw the start of the IWAS World Games 2011. Hosted in Sharjah UAE by the Althiqah Sports Club for the Disabled the opening ceremony was held on Thursday 1st December on the water's edge at the Buhaira Corniche in Sharjah.

Teams from all the 39 nations attended the event to witness a horse show, dances and a firework display. The event was also attended by numerous dignitaries from the U.A.E. including His Highness Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi along with officials and the volunteers.

UAE World Champion Mohammed Al Qaid delivered the athletes oath which declares that all athletes promise to take part in the IWAS World Games in a spirit of fair competition.

The Games coincided with the 40th anniversary of the 'Spirit of the Union' - the formation of the UAE - which was acknowledged during the opening ceremony with the short film 'A Story of a Nation' which described the story of the UAE.

Competition began the following day and over the week athletes competed in Athletics, Powerlifting, Swimming, Shooting, Table Tennis and Race Running. Results from the event can be found on the IWAS Website, but to provide a brief summary China led the way on the medal table attaining 52 Gold, 13 Silver and 4 Bronze, followed by the Iran, Poland and South Africa.

Two Amputee Football teams were also at the games as a 'Demonstration Sport' in the hope the sport will be introduced at further IWAS events.

During the Closing Ceremony the IWAS Honorary Treasurer Bob Paterson gave thanks to the people involved.

"There are many people who have worked tirelessly to make this event a success, without the work behind the scenes of the administrators, the technical officials and all the volunteers, nothing would have happened. To them we say Thank You!"



Table Tennis at World Games



Powerlifting at World Games



Amputee Football, Exhibition Sport at World Games

Development Commission

During the IWAS Executive Board meetings in Sharjah a Development Plan and Action Plan was presented to the board for consideration. This provided the guidance and assurances for development within IWAS to continue to move forward.

Also in Sharjah prior to the General Assembly the Development Summit was held once again. In attendance were several delegates from the IWAS Members nations and there were a variety of issues and ideas raised and discussed.

From the summit the following Declaration was set out.

The main issues under discussion were;

1. Communication
2. Knowledge Centre
3. Support

The current global economic conditions are a prohibitive factor for many nations and sports to grow, develop and achieve their objectives. IWAS needs to fulfil their mandate of maximising opportunities for athlete and nations in this context. IWAS therefore needs to creatively look at ways to achieve this.

Suggested from the members and nations were the following;

- Explore and identify regional and sub-regional events to make it more cost effective for nations to travel.
- Improve communication to members and nations using various methods and media (direct, website & social media)
- Assist with communication in order to connect nations/sports and stakeholders with each other in order to maximise opportunities.
- Improve as a knowledge centre through making available required information as and when required (also on website).
- Fulfil its role in education, by amongst other things having workshops at events on any matters of interest to nations.
- Assist nations with development by making events attractive through
 - Creating opportunities for each sports class (where possible)
 - Consider trying for 2-3 athletes from each country to compete at reduced cost as incentive for new athletes and nations to participate at games.

These aspects will be incorporated into the IWAS Development Plan and feedback and progress must be given to nations.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES REPORT

The primary role of the IWAS programmes in sport is to provide increasing opportunities for all athletes with IWAS classifications, within the framework of sport specific technical rules and regulations as determined by the respective Sport Assembly. It is an objective of all IWAS sports to recruit and improve participation and standards globally. The IWAS sports programme includes events/activities/classification at different levels and, in addition to IWAS governed sports, includes collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with IPC sports.

IWAS maintains an autonomous and singular function in respect to governance of international competition and championship programmes from international grass roots to elite Paralympic level in the sports of Wheelchair Fencing and Electric Wheelchair Hockey



WHEELCHAIR FENCING

During the period under review, the IWAS WC Fencing Sport Technical Executive, under the leadership of the Chair, Alberto Martinez Vassallo continues to put in place activities in support of fencers, from stability of infrastructure, regulatory framework and competitive opportunity from youth through to Paralympic Games levels.

Classification

IWAS Wheelchair Fencing (IWF) since 1998 supervises classification at all international competitions with the presence of one or two IWF authorised international classifiers. Due to our efforts in this regard, we have been a sport that has minimal to nil classification requirements at Paralympic Games, thus meeting IPC's ultimate goal of a classification free Paralympic Games. As the year prior to the London 2012 Paralympic Games efforts have been made to ensure that all wheelchair fencers will be classified prior to the games.

During 2010 Luca Michelini stood down as Head of Classification and was replaced by Rita Strohm. Luca remains a valued member of the classification team for wheelchair fencing and is currently in charge of education for the sport.

Referees

The Referees Commission began its work within the period under review under the leadership of Mr Udo Ziegler of Germany, a member IWF Sport Technical Executive Committee. Also within the period there were Referee Seminars in Malaga in Spain, Warsaw in Poland and Sao Paulo in Brazil to continue the referee training programme.

Growth & Recognition

Wheelchair Fencing is recognised as a sport section of IWAS, which provides legal and financial identity for the sport. Wheelchair Fencing maintains an annual calendar of competitions which are used as qualifier and ranking competitions to Championships and the Paralympic Games.

The relationship with the International Federation of Fencing (FIE) has continued to grow on the success of the previous 10 years. Following on from the successful joint event in 2006 & 2010, once again the wheelchair fencing World Championships were held alongside the FIE event in Catania, Italy in October 2011.

We expect to be able therefore to continue maintaining very good relations with FIE and continue developing the joint programme of competitions and especially the training and accreditation of technical personnel and development in new countries.

Competitions held during period under review: 2011

31 March - 3 April	World Cup – Malaga, Spain
29 April – 1 May	World Cup - Montreal, Canada
19 – 22 May	World Cup - Lonato, Italy
23 – 27 June	World Cup - Warsaw, Poland
11 – 19 July	European Championships – Sheffield, UK
10 – 15 August	American Championships – Sao Paulo, Brazil
9 – 11 September	World Cup – Eger, Hungary
8 – 16 October	World Championships – Catania, Italy

Wheelchair Fencing Development Priorities 2009 – 2013 Operational and Regional Development

1. OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All operational time to IWAS Wheelchair Fencing operations is achieved mainly by volunteers, i.e. by members of the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Sport Technical Executive Committee and the IWAS Secretary General. To this we can add the professional support provided by IWAS HQ. However, it is not sufficient for our needs as we continue to grow and compete for space at the Paralympic Games. To this end we must address the need to deepen our human resource pool to support an expanding infrastructure.

Whilst we have in place effective Classification and Referees Commission, it can be seen that this work is a continuum and these are the objectives to be achieved for the next 4 years:

a) Classification Commission

- To develop recently accredited international classifiers through wider experience at World Cups
- Thus leaving the "Master Classifiers" to deal with education & training clinics, re-classification issues and major competitions
- Reviewing the current classification system for wheelchair fencers aligning this with IPC International Standards and a new points system

b) Referees Commission

- Two more members will be added to the Referees Commission to undertake the following responsibilities:
 - To expand the international referees training and accreditation programme into the nations widely practicing the sport of wheelchair fencing in the first instance
 - To examine the referee candidates and evaluate their capacity
 - To appoint referees to all official international competitions, in particular the Regional and World Championships and the Paralympic Games
 - To carry out up-date seminars for referees to renew their licence on a regular basis

In order to relieve the workload on the Chair of IWF who is currently undertaking the following organisational and operational commitments, it is intended that several new commissions will be developed as follows:

c) Competitions Commission

The function of this Commission will be to control and support development and organisation of competitions, and will work closely with the IWAS HQ, primarily to:

- Organise and, if necessary, appoint appropriate personnel to conduct site visits, reporting back to HQ and IWF
- In liaison with HQ, check OC invitations and entry detail
- Designation of Observers or Technical Delegates
- Resolve the issues that can be presented for Directoire Technique attention
- To study and evaluate reports from observers at competitions to improve their organisation and development

d) Technical Commission

This commission will be formed by Technicians (Maîtres d'Armes), i.e. well qualified technicians with great experience in the sport of wheelchair fencing. Its function will be to:

- Initiate the development of a resource package for new nations
- Deliver educational programmes to technicians within the new National bodies affiliating to IWAS for the purposes of wheelchair fencing.
- The educational programmes will be focussed at developing the infrastructure in the sport nationally and include training, demonstration and all activities that can increase participation levels.

e) Rules Commission

The competency and responsibility of this Commission would be to:

- Take charge of revision and up-dating of Rules of Competition
- Propose to the IWF EC the appropriate changes to IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Rules when FIE changes its regulations
- To develop the protocols appropriate to the incorporation of new materials and frames for the sport for official use in IWF official competitions, including the Paralympic Games

f) Doping Commission

Wheelchair Fencing's Anti-Doping Code is, by virtue of being an IWAS Sport, that of IWAS, which is in compliance with that of WADA and to whom IWAS reports. The associated Anti-Doping rules and regulations are developed by IWAS Anti-Doping Commission and HQ. The competency and responsibility of this Commission would therefore be to:

- to work with HQ in respect to the anti-doping responsibilities at IWF competitions
- monitor that anti-doping controls are arranged and OC provision is made
- Understand the requirements of the IWAS Anti-Doping Agreement and ensure its application at official Wheelchair Fencing events

- Report any discrepancies through HQ to IWAS Anti-Doping Commission

g) Press and Communications Commission

This is a key area for wheelchair fencing to move into and will require close collaboration with HQ staff for distribution and website inclusion.

- Develop contact listings for mass media distribution
- Develop promotional package for introducing sport – video, cd and text to cover pertinent points
- Develop a strategic plan to support introduction of wheelchair fencing in regions where participation level internationally is scarce or nil. This will require collaboration and coordination with the Technical Commission as it will mean clinics, courses, demonstrations and even competitions.

The development of a Press and Communications Commission should work alongside the development of a Marketing/Income generating Commission so that the two Commissions complement each other.

h) Marketing Commission

This Commission would have the responsibility to:

- Evaluate our potential in terms of marketing
 - Sponsorship (e.g. elevation of national to international)
 - WC fencing equipment royalties
 - Funding
- Develop packages for sponsors, product endorsement and project funding agencies
- Create realistic targets
- Generate a stable and regular income level through these exercises

The Marketing Commission would work closely with IWAS for contract approvals and the above commissions to develop programme packages.

2. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Regional Development would come under the remit of the Technical Commission, in close collaboration with the Referees and Classifications Commissions.

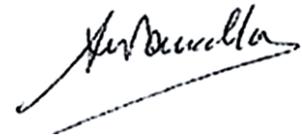
An evaluation of regional activity in the sport demonstrates that we have the following practising the sport of wheelchair fencing at some level:

Europe	16 countries	
Asia & Oceania	10 countries	
Americas	North & Central	3 countries
	South	4 countries
Middle East	3 countries	
Africa	0 countries	

Undoubtedly, the Technical Commission should target development in countries where able-bodied fencing is also practised. This would give us the opportunity to target a further 57 countries as presently FIE has 92 active members

I believe that the work to be carried out is extensive, and at this stage the identification of maximum 2 countries each year to be incorporated into our sport would be a reasonable and realistic target.

However, the development of a resource package would help considerably in this area.



ALBERTO MARTINEZ VASSALLO
CHAIR IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING SPORT TECHNICAL EXECUTIVE



ATHLETICS

Introduction

The report focuses on key events and provides a summary of activities undertaken during the period under review. More specifically it covers the IWAS Athletics Events, the developmental projects and other activities.

IWAS Events to include Athletics Competition

1. IWAS World Junior Games
 - 14 – 21 April
Dubai, UAE
2. IWAS World Games
 - 28 Nov – 8 Dec
Sharjah, UAE
3. IWAS Athletics Series
 - 28 – 29 May, Dutch Open, Emmen, Netherlands
 - 1 June, Bottrop, Germany
 - 5 June, Nelli Cooman Games, Stadskanaal, Netherlands

IWAS Series

A part of my role is extending and developing the IWAS Athletics Series, which currently holds 3 – 4 competition within a two week period, all sanctioned and approved by IPC.

All athletes are accommodated in one location and transported to the various venues for training and competition opportunities. A contract is agreed between IWAS and the LOCs, who pay IWAS €2000, of which €1500 is added to a pool of prize money, reducing costs from if they had held individual events. This leaves IWAS with €500 to cover administrative costs such as entries, results

technical and classifier requirements.

The IWAS series includes five events for both male and female, 100m, 800m, shot-put, discuss & javelin and classification is gained from class 30s, 40s and 50s.

Rankings, Records and Databases

From the IWAS Series all of the points are transferred onto the IWAS developed point score system and then placed into ranking lists for individual events according to their class and points achieved.

This system is also being used in the Junior World Games, and the World Games in Sharjah, UAE. It also opens opportunity for future series competitions to be held in other regions than just currently Europe, and is an aim he hopes to achieve. We started in Western Europe, and have a solid base, but hope to extend to the Americas, Oceania and even World Series. A further goal to achieve is a Grand Prix, for the highest resulting athletes. In this style of point scoring the class is not important, but the performance of the athlete.

We have given more value to IWAS Junior World Games; in 2010 IWAS JWG records were begun, for under 20s. We have created minimum standards to achieve new records - set a record and achieve a new record for both male and female. This system is also include class 30s,

System

- 85% off the senior track records
- 75% of the senior field records

This provides the opportunity for the junior athletes to be proud, to have world records, and this will be for IWAS and IPC sanctioned competitions. Last year New Zealand applied for the first records, and we have to spread the world.

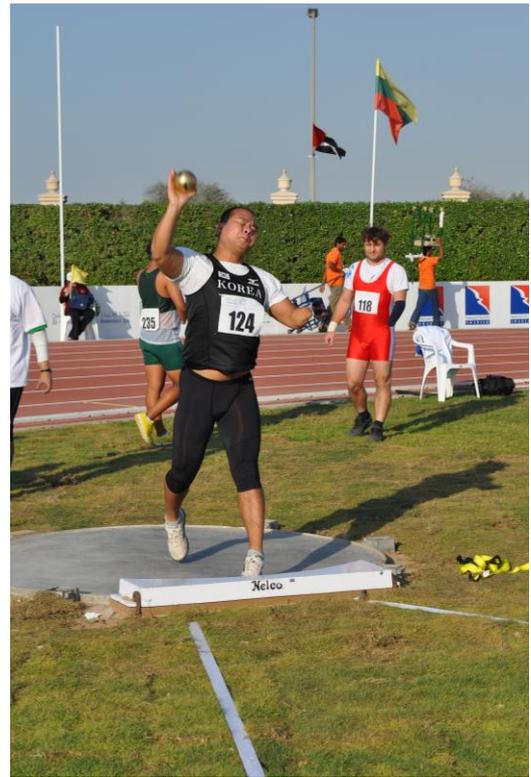
It is hard to collect the results from competitions. IWAS members should send results of their National competitions to IWAS office for including in the World wide Ranking.

The database is updated with all information of the IPC SDMS.

IWAS was asked by the Ethiopian member to organise a seminar for officials similar to the one previously held in 2009, which the board has approved. Contact has been continuing with the federation and a proposal sent, but currently there is no definitive plan scheduled.



JAN BOCKWEG
IWAS ATHLETICS MANAGER



ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR HOCKEY

ACTIVITES

1. Reaching full IWAS status

To reach the full IWAS status, ICEWH has continued the work:

- a. 3rd continent into the sport: *Contacts with Canada and USA are increased. Also contacts with Japan, Malaysia, Greece, and South Africa have been on focus.*
- b. Growth of number of playing nations / athletes:
Number of players has grown by 260 players since 2010. This reaches to total 1600 players in three continents.
- c. Organisation Sport Assemblies, Regional and World Championships on a regular base:
Next (3rd) European Championships will be held in Finland, Nastola June 2012. At the same event the 10th Sport Assembly will be held.
- d. Education of Technical Delegates, Jury Members, Classifiers, Referees:
Next course for classifiers, referees and jury members will be held with the European Championships June 2012.
- e. Classification System:
The ICEWH Classification Committee is working on it and the SA2012 will discuss / approve the new proposal of functional classification.
- f. Business Plan 2010-2020. The Business Plan is followed as described and the aims for 2011 are reached as follows:
1st Qualification Tournament is held, no nation initiated a Development Event, no EWH Event at IWAS Games, the EC2012 is supported, invitation for bids WC2014 are send, several EWH demos at regular 'hockey' events have taken place, financial position of ICEWH is not improved, contacts with American region are improved, leaflet is ready.
- g. Preparation application full IWAS status.
IWAS has indicated at its GA2011 that ICEWH will receive the full IWAS status by 2013.



Photographs from the
Electric Wheelchair Hockey
Qualification Tournament
2011

Barbera del Valles, Spain



2. Official Competitions & Events under the auspices of IWAS/ICEWH

a.	Spain, Barberà del Vallés	May 2011	ICEWH 1st Qualification Tournament (for EC 2012) (National Team Tournament)
b.	Switzerland, St. Gallen	Dec 2011	ICEWH Drawings for EC2012 (at IFF WC for women)

The EWH Technical Executive Committee has guarded and supported the preparations of:

- European Championships 2012
- 10th Sport Assembly
- Referee Course, Jury Course and Classifiers Courses during European Championship 2012.
- World Championship 2014: Bid possibility is send to the nations. Germany and Czech Republic are preparing bids.

3. Competitions & Events supported by IWAS/ICEWH

a.	Germany, Weissenfels	May 2011	EWH Demonstration (at IFF's Youth World Championships)
b.	Slovenia, Vrhnika	August 2011	EWH Demonstration (IFF EuroFloorball Cup Qualifications)
c.	Czech Republic, Mlada Boleslav	Oct 2011	EWH Demonstration (IFF Champions Cup)
d.	Switzerland, St. Gallen	Dec 2011	EWH Demonstration (at IFF Women´s 8th World Championships)

4. International Tournaments for Club Teams or National Teams, realised by EWH nations

a.	Germany, Berlin	April 2011	EWH International Tournament (Club Team Tournament)
b.	Belgium, Roselare	June 2011	EWH International tournament (Club Team Tournament)
c.	Germany, Güstrow	July 2011	EWH 7th Euro-Cup (Club Team Tournament)
d.	Germany, Wiemheim	July 2011	EWH 2nd Champions Cup (Club Team Tournament)
e.	Czech Republic, Prague	August 2011	EWH International Tournament "Feel the Power" (Club Team Tournament)
f.	Netherlands, Eindhoven	August 2011	EWH Niels van der Linden-Cup (Club Team Tournament)
g.	Netherlands, Zwolle	Sept 2011	EWH Challengers Cup

			(Club Team Tournament)
h.	Switzerland, Berne	Nov 2011	EWB Four Country Tournament (National Team Tournament)
i.	Denmark, Korsør- Musholm Bugt Hollidaycenter	May 2012	1st Musholm Cup: 4 Nations Tournament (National Team Tournament)

5. Documents

In preparation, revised or new developed since SA2010:

- a. ICEWH Operational Regulations
- b. ICEWH Positions and Responsibilities
- c. ICEWH Committees & Members
- d. ICEWH Jury Member License List (new)
- e. ICEWH Referee License List (new)
- f. ICEWH Classifiers License List (new)
- g. ICEWH Officials Licenses (new)
- h. ICEWH Code of Conduct (new)
- i. ICEWH Classification System (new)
- j. ICEWH Classification Procedures (new)
- k. ICEWH Master List (new, only internal)
- l. ICEWH Jury Handbook
- m. ICEWH Referee Handbook
- n. ICEWH Referee Certification
- o. ICEWH Evaluation Form Referees + explanation
- p. ICEWH Referee Signals
- q. ICEWH Theoretical Referee A-exam (new)
- r. ICEWH Speed Control System (new)
- s. ICEWH Qualification System European Championships & Qualification Tournaments
- t. ICEWH Top Scorer List (new)
- u. ICEWH Leaflet
- v. ICEWH Questionnaire
- w. ICEWH Competition Regulations
- x. ICEWH Game Rules
- y. All ICEWH Competition Forms, Checklists and Drawings are revised. New are:
 1. Classification Protest Form
 2. Classification Consent Form
 3. Checklist to teams for Control Day
 4. Speed Control Form

6. Networks and contacts

IWAS

- a. ICEWH Chairman visited the IWAS General Assembly (report available) in Sharjah.

International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

- a. Invitation is send to visit the European Championship 2012 in Finland.
- b. ICEWH Classification Committee is working on cooperation with IPC Classification Committee.

Canada & USA

- a. ICEWH has given support to CEWHA and USEWHA in practical way as well as in contacts with the Canadian and USA member organizations of the IWAS.
- b. The Canadian member organization of the IWAS has showed its willingness to forward the information they get from IWAS to the Canadian EWH Association. Also that they are willing to endorse participation of the Canadian team in international competitions.

International Floorball Federation (IFF)

- a. Four EWH nations work together or have contact with their national Floorball organisation.
- b. 3rd meeting with ICEWH during WC2010 in Italy.
- c. Demos of EWH at IFF events for thousands of spectators (see above). 4 demos during 2011.
- d. Drawing EC2012 during IFF WC Women in Switzerland in December 2011.
- e. In 2011 the IFF has received the recognition of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- f. Invitation is send to visit European Championship 2012 in Finland.

International Field Hockey Federation (FIH)

- a. Two EWH nations work together or have contact with their national Field Hockey organisation.
- b. In 2011 FIH has indicated that they are open for cooperation.
- c. In Jan 2012 ICEWH has send its ideas for cooperation (sharing knowledge, events, network, promotion, etc.).
- d. Invitation is send to visit European Championship 2012 in Finland.

Powerchair Football

- a. In November 2011 ICEWH has visited the Powerchair Football World Cup.

7. Promotional activities

- a. The ICEWH Leaflet is renewed.
- b. The ICEWH Website is up to date.
- c. ICEWH has developed a sponsor plan and shall look for sponsorships.
- d. Promote and sell the Electric Wheelchair Hockey trainers handbook "*Principles of Electric Wheelchair Hockey*".

The lack of volunteers in the Communication & Marketing Committee is slowing down the process. The EC takes the work as far as possible.

8. Questionnaire for statistics

To gather new data on international development of EWH to monitor the trends of growth:

The questionnaire about the development and growth of the sport was sent in September 2011 to the nations. The data from nations was collected in December 2011. This showed growth of 200 players in the last 2 years to 1600 players in total. Data's will be presented at the ICEWH Sport Assembly 2012. All the questions and requests from the nations were gathered and will be solved in 2012.

9. Development Players Eligibility and Classification System

EWH Classifiers have refined the criteria of player's eligibility and have developed a proposal for a functional classification system with points to be tried out during the EC2012 and for agreement during the SA2012.

10. Financial position

- a. In 2011 the ICEWH has received a base grant from IWAS of about € 1.170, and a development grant of about € 3.500.
- b. In 2011 finances were used for: the ICEWH Website, visit IWAS GA, drawing EC2012, visit Powerchair Football World Cup.
- c. ICEWH has income of trainers' handbook "Principles of EWH", Protests and Sanction Fees.
- d. In general Organising Committees cover the costs of ICEWH Events & Competitions.

11. ICEWH STEC Meetings

- a. The ICEWH Sport Technical Executive Committee has held Skype meetings regularly: 19 January, 21 February, 30 March, 27 April, 15 June, 23 September, 2 November, 23 November, and 14 December.
- b. Skype meetings with IWAS were held when necessarily.

12. ICEWH Committees

ICEWH Executive Committee

- a. The ICEWH Executive Committee has functioned well with 4 members, but the workload is huge. The need for a fifth member to share the workload is evident to realise the Business Plan. ICEWH will request for more volunteers in SA2012

ICEWH Subcommittees

- a. The number of volunteers in the ICEWH Subcommittees has grown, especially Jury & Referee Commissions.
- b. Still more active volunteers are needed to realise the Business Plan.

John Teunissen
Electric Wheelchair Hockey Chairman

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

During the financial year of 2011 IWAS the total Incoming resource figure was GBP £214,218, with resources expended totalling GBP £199,198. Therefore providing a total surplus for the year of GBP £15,020.

Total Surplus	2011
TOTAL	15,020
Capitation - Games	64,653
Capitation - Sports	47,380
IPC Grants (PPS)	6,571
Event Coordination - World Games	11,340
General Games Income	4,600
General Sports Income	6,877
Grants/donations	378
Interest on investments	906
Sundry receipts	602
Investment returned	0
TOTAL	214,218

Resources Expended	2011
Membership Service	52,026
Sport Service	84,583
IPC Services	16,387
Executive Services	28,435
Finance Services	17,767
TOTAL	199,198

2011 MEMBER COUNTRY LISTING

Algeria	Germany	Netherlands
Argentina	Great Britain	New Zealand
Australia	Greece	Nigeria*
Austria	Hong Kong	Norway
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Poland
Barbados	India	Portugal
Belarus	Iran	Qatar
Belgium	Iraq	Russia
Brazil	Ireland	Saudi Arabia
Bulgaria	Italy	Slovakia
Canada	Japan	Slovenia
Chile*	Jordan	South Africa
China	Kazakhstan*	Spain
Chinese Taipei	Korea	Sweden
Croatia	Kuwait	Switzerland
Cyprus	Lebanon	Thailand
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Turkey*
Denmark	Luxembourg	UAE
Ethiopia*	Macau	Ukraine
Finland	Malaysia	USA
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* New Full National Members

Developing Nation Affiliate

Mongolia

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