



IWAS

ACTIVITY REPORT 2016



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to present the IWAS Annual Activity Report of 2016 to IWAS Member Nations and all interested parties. The year has been another busy and exciting year for our organization, where the focus remains on maximizing sporting opportunities for athletes with physical impairments to compete, learn and develop.

The IWAS Under 23 World Games 2016 were hosted by the Emil Foundation in the Czech Republic capital city of Prague from 29 June to 3 July. The Games saw over 300 athletes, representing 31 nations competing over four days in Athletics, Swimming, Table Tennis and Wheelchair Fencing. The Games received fantastic media coverage in the Czech Republic and we hope the Games will leave a lasting legacy of sport for persons with physical impairments for years to come.





IWAS Powerchair Hockey continues its efforts to grow the sport into new countries including communications with India, Sweden, Japan and the United Kingdom, while maintaining the calendar of events for current competing nations. The IWAS Powerchair Hockey European Championships 2016 hosted over three days in the Dutch province of De Rijp saw the host nation retain the highly coveted top spot.

The busy calendar of IWAS Wheelchair Fencing events saw fencers battle for ranking points to gain qualification to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games held in Rio de Janeiro from 7 to 18 June 2016. Despite some challenges in the lead-up to the Games, the wheelchair fencing competition was well attended and significantly raised the profile of the sport in South America and around the World.

Following the election of a new IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee with former Olympic and Paralympic champion Pál Szekeres as Chair, the focus has been on the development and reach of wheelchair fencing as well strengthening the international competition pathway for the sport.

The relocation of the IWAS office from the historical location of Stoke Mandeville some 3km to Aylesbury College continues to be a successful decision for the organization. With financial savings of over £3000 a year, head-quarters also benefits from the added value of work experience and placement students keen to assist the work of IWAS on a voluntary basis. The headquarters was ably managed by CEO, Charmaine Hooper now strengthened with the addition of Elin George as the full-time Head of Operations.

I look forward to building the momentum gathered in 2016 into another successful year for IWAS in 2017.

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Paul DePace
IWAS President



ABOUT IWAS

Following the vision of its creator and founder, Sir Ludwig Guttmann, IWAS was formed in 2004 following the amalgamation of the International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation and the International Sport Organisation for the Disabled. As the original founders of the Paralympic Games movement, IWAS has continued to provide its 65+ international members with competition and sporting opportunities for physically impaired athletes in maintaining its vision to "Inspire Worldwide Achievements in Sport".

IWAS governs the Paralympic sport of Wheelchair Fencing and acts as the host for Powerchair Hockey. IWAS also provides support to developing sports and nations to cultivate sporting opportunities available across the world.

IWAS remains a vital mechanism in the Paralympic movement through its international pathway from grass-roots sport to Paralympic elite. The IWAS Under 23 World Games and IWAS World Games sees athletes of all abilities from 14 years up to 'Masters' (40 years +) participating on an international platform.

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). As a UK registered charity, the work of IWAS reaches far beyond sporting achievements of physically impaired athletes. IWAS receives no government funding and relies fully on capitation and membership fees and an international volunteer base for its work. IWAS works tirelessly in the promotion of welfare and social change across the globe through the medium of sport.

VALUES

Sportsmanship, Unity, Respect & Friendship

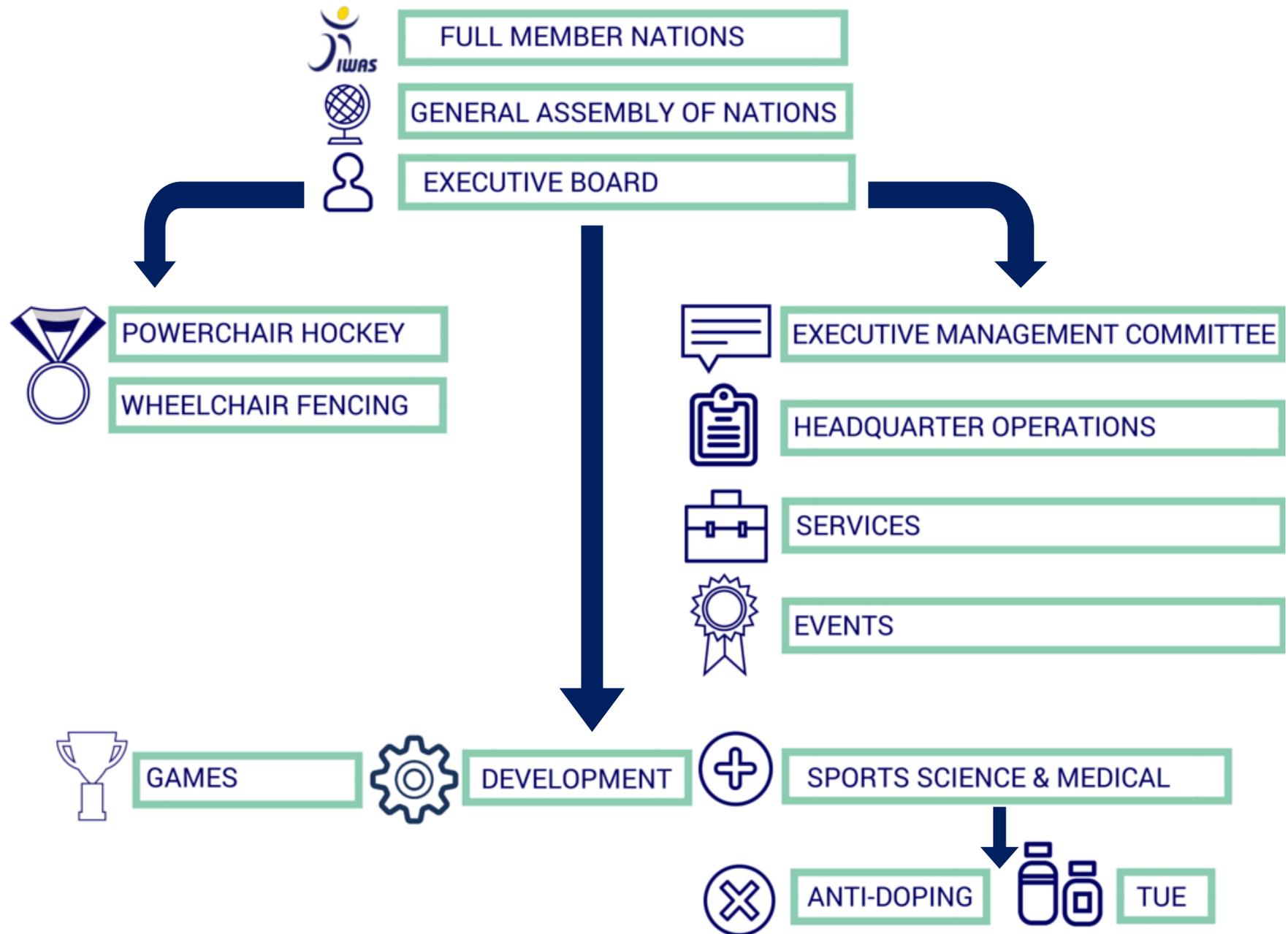
VISION

Develop sporting opportunities for athletes to maximise their potential

MISSION

Inspire Worldwide Achievements in Sport

IWAS STRUCTURE



MEMBER NATIONS



NEW MEMBERS

2016 saw Romania and Chile join IWAS as Developing Members to promote wheelchair and amputee sports in the countries. With view of them taking full membership in the future, athletes from Romania successfully competed at the IWAS Under 23 World Games in Prague, while Chile concentrate on the development of wheelchair fencing in the region.

Athletes from Cyprus and Australia competed at the IWAS Under 23 World Games 2016 with view of a membership application from the Cyprus Athletics Federation and the re-join of Disability Sport Australia in 2017.

IWAS EXECUTIVE BOARD

AND SERVING OFFICERS
2013-2017

PRESIDENT

Paul DePace

IWAS Executive Management Committee
United States of America

VICE PRESIDENT & SECRETARY GENERAL

Karl Vilhelm Nielsen

IWAS Executive Management Committee
Denmark

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Pavel Rozhkov

Russia

HONORARY TREASURER

Bob Paterson

IWAS Executive Management Committee
Great Britain

ASSISTANT HONORARY TREASURER

Rachel Andrews

Great Britain

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Dina Sotiriadi

Games Committee
Greece

Pieter Badenhorst

Development Committee
South Africa

Radka Kucirkova

Czech Republic

Rudi Van den Abbeele

France

Tariq Sultan Ahmed Alkadim

UAE



IWAS STAFF

Charmaine Hooper leads the Headquarters at Aylesbury College as Chief Executive Officer following her official appointment in 2015.

Hilary Sahota continues to work as Sport Services Manager in her role focussing on competition and development of IWAS sports and took a lead role in the Wheelchair Fencing preparations for Rio 2016 in Stacey Ashwell's absence. Stacey Ashwell took maternity leave from her role as Wheelchair Fencing Manager from October 2015. Stacey returns to a part-time role as Sports Manager in January 2017.

Elin George was promoted from Personal Assistant to Head of Operations in September 2016 following her return from two years living in Bordeaux, France. Elin continues to manage membership, communications and the IWAS Games programme.

Mark Henderson, Finance Manager, remains focussed on managing the financial sector of the charity during his 14 hour per week role. Lily Pople works provides business support and administrative duties on an ad-hoc basis.

VOLUNTEERS/WORK EXPERIENCE

Having taken up office in Aylesbury College, based two miles away from the historic base at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, IWAS now has access to a base of volunteers and work experience students.

In 2016, IWAS welcomed two work experience students into the Headquarters office. Polly who volunteers two hours per week and Robyn who joins the office for six hours of work experience per week assisting in basic administration, office support and archiving.

The mutually beneficial partnership between IWAS and Aylesbury College provides office support to allow the IWAS staff to use their time most effectively whilst also assisting the College students to fulfil their course requirements.

HEADQUARTERS

Following the Headquarters move to Aylesbury College in October 2014, IWAS has had access to the state-of-the-art facilities offering more cost-effective rent inclusive of internet, phone and IT support as well as the student base of willing volunteers and work experience students. The move has proved to be a successful step which saves IWAS £3000 (GBP) annually. IWAS looks forward to another positive year in the facility.

IWAS WORLD GAMES



IWAS GAMES PROGRAMME

In 2015, the IWAS Executive Board took the decision to amend the IWAS Games programme following feedback from the IWAS Member Nations.

From 2016, the IWAS World Junior Games was known as the IWAS Under 23 World Games and will see two age groupings; under 18 and under 23 and going forward, will be held in even years (2018, 2020, 2022 etc.) From 2017, the IWAS World Games will host Under 18s, Under 23s, Open and Masters and will be held in odd years (2017, 2019, 2021 etc.) The 'Masters' age grouping will be for athletes of 40 years and over and will aid in the development of international competition opportunities for athletes in this category.

The IWAS World Games, for a broader spectrum of athletes, will increase financial viability for nations which will allow more athletes an opportunity to compete on an international platform by attending only one Games whilst also saving on staff time and costs. It is also hoped that competing alongside the more experienced athletes in the Open category as well as observing the Masters will give the younger athletes motivation for the future and invaluable sporting experience.





IWAS U23 WORLD GAMES

The 12th edition of the IWAS U23 World Games was hosted by the Emil Foundation in the Czech capital of Prague from 29 June to 3 July 2016. The Games welcomed over 300 athletes representing 31 nations to compete in wheelchair fencing, athletics, swimming and table tennis.

The Opening Ceremony of the Games, attended by many of Prague's dignitaries, including the City Mayor, was hosted in the historic Old Town Square of Prague. The event began with a 'festival of sport' where athletes and members of the public alike, were invited to watch and participate in a wide range of sports. The Parade of Nations then began welcoming the athletes to Prague followed by a concert from disabled band, The Tap Taps.

Competition was hosted across two venues, the swimming in Šutka Aquatic Centre and all other sports in the facilities at DDM Praha.

The Wheelchair Athlete with International Potential was awarded to Spanish wheelchair fencer, Tarek Nejjar who left Prague with four silver medals and Kuwait's, Khalifa Alqasem who showed great promise in the table tennis competition.

IWAS WOMEN'S WORLD GAMES

Following the IWAS Executive Board meeting in Pisa 2016, plans were announced to host the first IWAS World Women's Games.

The development of women in sport is a focus of IWAS going forward and the announcement of the IWAS Women's World Games is the first step in providing additional opportunities to sportswomen with physical impairments of the IWAS Membership. Following the announcement, the Games attracted great interest from, teams, athletes and from sports wishing to be considered for inclusion on the programme.

The bid application process was then opened with a view to begin site visits early in 2017.



DEVELOPMENT

O3E TEAM BUILDING

IWAS was approached in early 2015 by O3E in regard to the donation of sports equipment. The company provides team building opportunities to companies with the objective to assist charities and community project. Among other activities, days are hosted to build sport wheelchairs for eventual donation. Through such events, they have donated equipment totalling over £500,000.

On 21 September 2016, IWAS was fortunate enough to be selected as an organisation to receive four sport wheelchairs and three racing wheelchairs built during a team building day with pharmaceutical company, Roche. The wheelchairs will be donated at an upcoming IWAS World Games to a developing nation in an effort to support the progression of sport for athletes with physical impairments in the chosen region.

IWAS GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

To make the best of the donations given to IWAS from O3E, the IWAS Global Development Project was created. The Project will see sports equipment donated to a region or country with the aim to support their attendance to an IWAS World Games in the future.

Following contact from the Malawian NPC and Sports Minister, a meeting was arranged in December 2016 for IWAS CEO, Charmaine Hooper and IWAS Head of Operations, Elin George to meet with the Malawi High Commissioner, His Excellency Kena Mphonda. The meeting which took place at the Malawi High Commission in London discussed the roles and objectives of IWAS and the possibility to hold the maiden Development Project in partnership with the country, supported by the High Commission.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	PURPOSE
Russian National Paralympic Committee 20 th Anniversary	Moscow, Russia January 2016	Charmaine Hooper attended the celebrations in Moscow marking Russian NPC 20 th anniversary
Defi Sportif	Montreal, Canada April 2016	Charmaine Hooper met with representatives from Defi Sportif to discuss future ventures with IWAS in collaboration with their multi-sport event programme
National Paralympic Heritage Trust Official Launch	The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park May 2016	Charmaine Hooper & Bob Paterson attended the launch of an exhibition promoting Britain's role in the Paralympic movement
Maratones Solidarios Javi Conde	Stoke Mandeville, England July 2016	IWAS assisted in the organisation of the Stoke Mandeville Marathon as part of the challenge that saw Javi Conde run a marathon in all 28 cities of the Olympic and Paralympic Games raising €170,000 for 100 charities around the world
Heritage Flame Lighting Ceremony	Stoke Mandeville, England September 2016	Charmaine Hooper and Bob Paterson attended the Heritage Flame lighting at the 'spiritual home' of the Paralympic movement.
Soad Islam - Populas	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil September 2016	Ongoing discussions regarding development of field of play for IWAS sports
IPC Academy Inclusion Summit	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil September 2016	Paul DePace and Charmaine Hooper attended the summit which discussed policies on inclusion and best practices implemented across the Movement
5 th International Para Sport Congress	Bela Horizonte, Brazil October 2016	Charmaine presented to the conference under the title 'Future Perspectives of Para Sports in IOSDs' alongside representatives from INAS and IBSA

I WAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING



2016 COMPETITIONS

IWAS Wheelchair Fencing continued to offer an extensive competition calendar in 2016 in the lead-up to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and beyond.

IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CUP

Eger, Hungary | 10-14 February 2016

IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING ASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hong Kong | 6-10 April 2016

IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CUP

Laval, Canada | 27 April – 1 May 2016

IWAS WHEELCHAIR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Turin, Italy | 16-22 May 2016

IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sao Paulo, Brazil | 25-28 May 2016

IWAS UNDER 23 WORLD GAMES 2016

Prague, Czech Republic | 28 June – 3 July 2016

IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CUP

Warsaw, Poland | 13 – 18 July 2016

RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES

Rio de Janeiro | 7-18 September 2016

IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING U17 & U123 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stadskanaal, The Netherlands | 8-15 October 2016

IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CUP

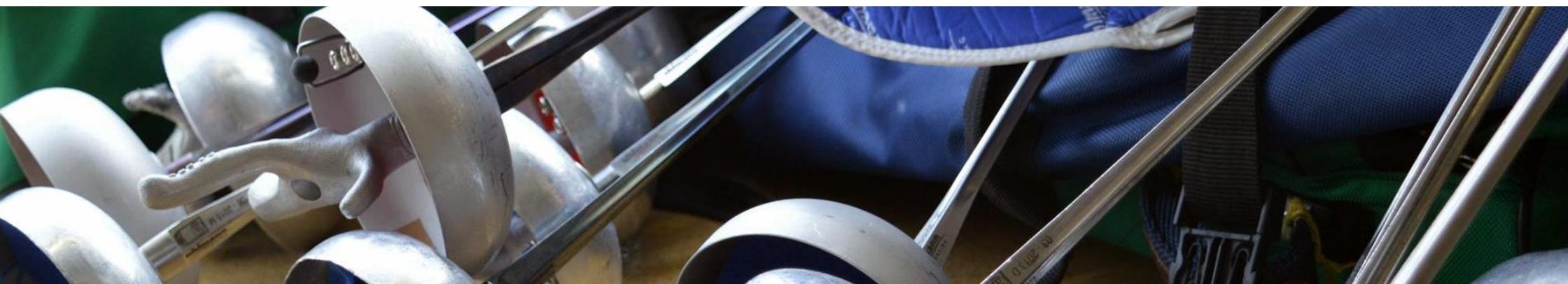
Pisa, Italy | 11-13 November 2016



IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wheelchair Fencing, as a sport section of IWAS, elects its own Executive Committee every four years during its biennial Sport Assemblies. The new Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee was elected at the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Sport Assembly in Pisa on 13 November 2016.

CHAIRMAN	Pal Szekeres (HUN)	SEMI COMMISSION	Peter Huggins (GBR)
SECRETARY GENERAL	Udo Ziegler (GER)	SPORTS COMMISSION	Valber Nazareth (BRA)
VICE CHAIRMAN	Jakub Nowicki (POL)	PROMOTION COMMISSION	Ksenia Ovsyannikova (RUS)
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Peter Huggins (GBR)	REFEREE COMMISSION	Jon Moss (USA)
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Giampeiro Pastore (ITA)	HEAD OF CLASSIFICATION	Dr Man Chung (HKG)
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Ksenia Ovsyannikova (RUS)	DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	Peter Brigola (AUT)
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Pascal Godet (FRA)	RULES COMMISSION	Emmanuel Bogdos (GRE)
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Valber Nazareth (BRA)	DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION	Jakub Nowicki (POL)



WORLDWIDE REACH

There is evidence of 49 nations actively practicing Wheelchair Fencing around the world. Nations who are not active in national or international competition are a focus for the development of Wheelchair Fencing and will need to be supported to enable their engagement in IWAS competitions, thus promoting the fencing development and success of their athletes.

Nations indicated with '*' are actively developing wheelchair fencing supported by IWAS Wheelchair Fencing and its Executive Committees.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

A Strategic Planning session was held in Budapest in April 2015 with the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee to evaluate progress and discuss the future of IWAS Wheelchair Fencing.

Strengths were identified such as the established competition and ranking infrastructure supported by the history of the sport and thus a strong and experienced following. Opportunities to develop the sport in more countries to increase the worldwide reach was identified as a priority of the Executive Committee. The global promotion of wheelchair fencing is hindered by the initial expense of the equipment needed, however, development projects began during 2015 to assist with equipment and education of coaches and referees to establish a top to bottom infrastructure.

Following the approval of development proposals to the International Paralympic Committee, jointly funded grants were used to promote and develop wheelchair fencing in developing sport regions. The focus for the development projects was equipment and education to ensure the sport could open up more opportunities to persons with physical impairments in the chosen countries.

EUROPE

Classification was highlighted as an area in need of research to not only ensure code compliance but to deliver the most effective and inclusive classification system possible. An IWAS Classification Workshop was held in Malpensa, Italy in May 2016 where a classification rules revision was agreed and areas for research identified. The Workshop was attended by IWAS CEO, Charmaine Hooper and IWAS Sports Manager, Hilary Sahota as well as IWAS Head of Classification, Dr Man Chung (HKG). International Classifiers, Ivan Penkin (RUS), Valaria Demello (USA) and Alicja Nowicka (POL), Marek Podlasinski (POL) and Anita Laszlo (HUN) were also present at the meeting.

Iain Gowans from the British Paralympic Association (BPA) was invited as a guest speaker and facilitator for the meeting and Caz Walton also from the BPA, assisted with the classification review. The classifiers are now in a positive position to move forward with their agreed areas of research.

A classification course was also held in conjunction with the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing U17/U23 World Championships in Stadskanaal, Netherlands. The course allowed two new National Classifiers being accredited from Great Britain, Hilary Sahota and Shah Rashid.

ASIA

A classification course was held during the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Asia Championships in Hong Kong, run by the Head of Classification, Dr Man Chung. The successful course resulted in six National Classifiers, one from Belgium, one from Japan and four from Hong Kong. We look forward to supporting their development to becoming International Classifiers.

British Wheelchair Fencing Coach, Baldip Sahota, provided the opportunity to develop wheelchair fencing in India during a two-week training camp in the Indian city of Karnal. The camp, which also welcomed both able-bodied fencers, drew eighteen wheelchair fencers, with the majority Category A, practising all three weapons. The camp, supported by Indian fencer, Vibhas Sen, aims to send wheelchair fencers to an international debut at the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup in Eger, Hungary in 2017.



AMERICAS

On 7th March 2016, Sao Paulo, Brazil hosted an IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Coaching Course and Classification Seminar in an effort to promote the sport in South America ahead of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. Participants from Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Guatemala and Uruguay attended the theoretical and practical course which drew to a close on 12th March.

Course leader, Valber Lazaro Nazareth said, 'This course was very important for the development of wheelchair fencing in Latin America. All countries in this region are very interested in developing the sport, however, it is necessary to train the coaches and classifiers to work correctly. We had very good feedback regarding the structure of the course.'

The last two days of the course were held alongside a national competition, the National Brazilian Wheelchair Fencing Cup, which gave attendees hands-on experience and allowed them to be actively involved with Brazilian athletes in training and organisation during the competition.



In late 2015, IWAS donated two epee aprons to the Uruguayan Fencing Federation in support of their Wheelchair Fencing programme. The aprons were put to great use in June 2016 as Uruguay's first integrated fencing event organised the driving force of Uruguayan wheelchair fencing, Franco De Caria, was held with competing fencers Julio Silva, Carmelo Milan, Roberto Fabra and Gonzalo Romero. IWAS looks forward to welcoming Uruguayan fencers to international IWAS competition in the coming years.



AFRICA

Wheelchair fencing development saw a spike in South African development in 2016 when the wheelchair fencing programme was successfully included at the Western Cape Open. This was swiftly followed by South Africa's debut attendance to the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup in Warsaw in July 2016. It is hoped as development continues in the country, that South African fencers will join the international circuit in the coming seasons.





RIO 2016
PARALYMPIC GAMES

The preparations for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games were an extremely busy period for the IWAS HQ, IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee as well as wheelchair fencers as they battled for ranking points and Paralympic qualification.

The Deodora Cluster, which had been visited by both the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Secretary General, Udo Ziegler and Committee Member, Hilary Philbin, was the originally proposed venue for wheelchair fencing. Having raised concerns about the presence of wheelchair fencing at the Games and following lengthy discussions with the Rio 2016 Local Organising Committee, the venue was later changed to the main competition venue. The final competition was hosted in the Carioca Arena 3, the same venue as the able-bodied fencing used during the Olympic Games.

The IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee worked with the IPC to allocate the correct slots to athletes to attend the games in the following events; Men's Foil, Epee and Sabre (Category A & Category B), Women's Foil and Epee (Category A and Category B), Foil Team (Men and Women) and Epee Team (Men and Women). With a final quota of 88 slots, IWAS Wheelchair Fencing were able to negotiate 2 extra bipartite slots that were necessary in order to fulfil the team requirements. IWAS President, Paul DePace and IWAS Honorary Treasurer, Bob Paterson had the honour of presenting medals at the victory ceremonies of wheelchair fencing at Rio 2016.

During the Rio 2016 Paralympic Torch Relay, IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee Member, Nelson Tai was selected to join the Relay as a Torch-Bearer. Nelson said of the experience; 'This was really a life-time memory among all the excitement, inspiration and achievement in my sports life in Wheelchair Fencing.'



Iraqi wheelchair fencer, Ammar Hadi Ali was announced as one of six nominees shortlisted by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for the Whang Youn Dai Achievement Award (WYDAA).

The award named after Dr. Whang Youn Dai, a leading advocate for people with impairments for more than 50 years has been awarded since the 1988 Seoul Paralympic Games to inspire people with impairments, and the world, to achieve excellence in sports and in life. Al-Hussein (Syrian - Independent Paralympic Athlete), and Tatyana McFadden (USA) finally won the award, presented at the Closing Ceremony.





IWAS POWERCHAIR HOCKEY

IWAS POWERCHAIR HOCKEY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The biennial Sport Assembly took place in De Rijp, The Netherlands on the 18th July 2016 alongside the IWAS Powerchair Hockey European Championships. The following Sport Executive Committee remained focus on developing and promoting the sport of Powerchair Hockey;

CHAIRMAN	VICE CHAIRMAN DEVELOPMENT & COMPETITION OFFICER	TECHNICAL & CLASSIFICATION OFFICER
Fabio Rodo (ITA)	Niels Ten Hagen (NED)	ANNA ROSSI (ITA)

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SECRETARY OFFICER	MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
Annemieke de Vires (NED)	Rasmus Nielsen (DEN)
Appointed following outstanding contributions to the success of the European Championships 2016	Danish player appointed in late 2016 due to extensive experience in communications sector

HEAD OF CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE	HEAD OF REFEREE COMMITTEE	HEAD OF JURY COMMITTEE	HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Kees Van Breukelen (NED)	Davor Matijasevic (SLO)	Dorte Berenth (DEN)	Nikolaj Richelsen (DEN)

The Referee Committee is supported by Andrea Vacchetti (ITA) and Wilfred Bouttelgier (BEL).

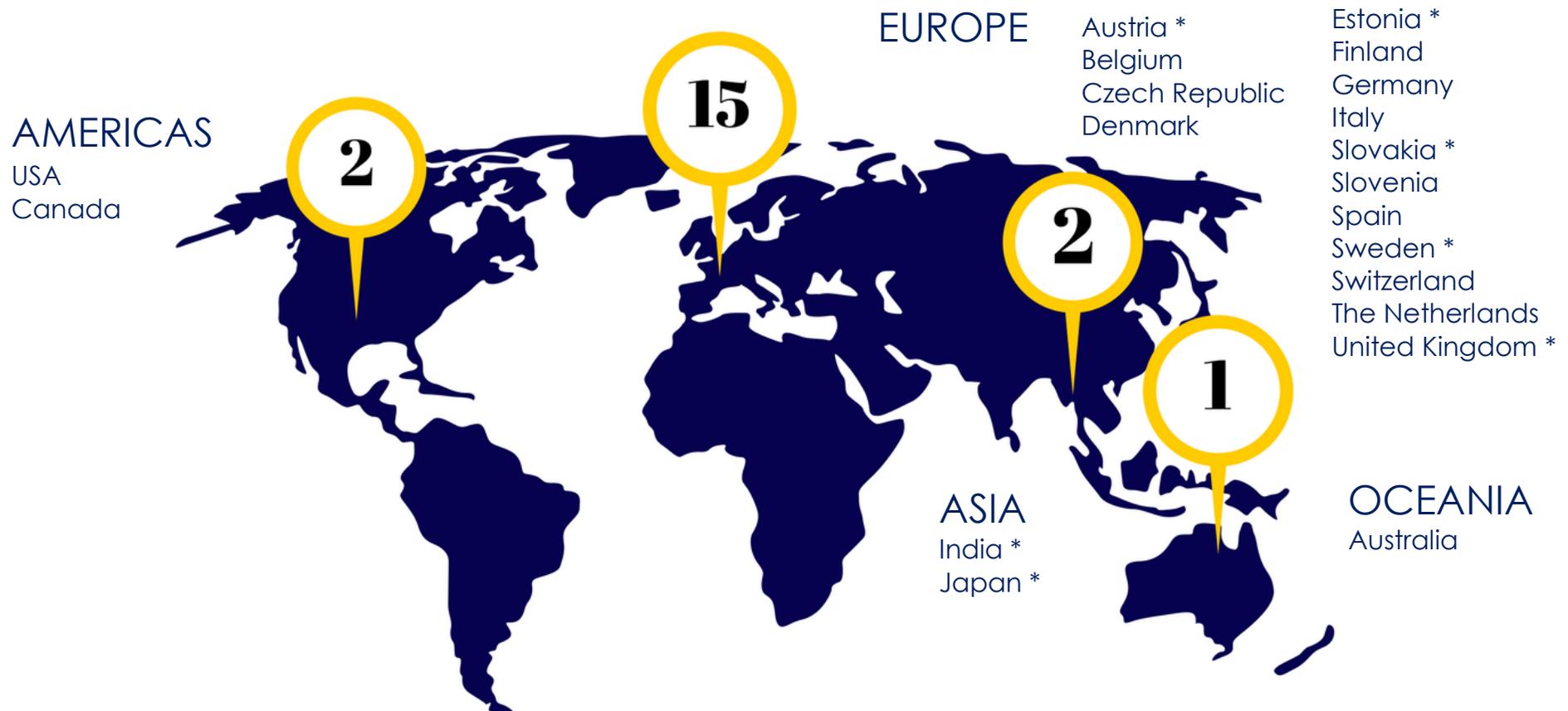
Vacancies remain for the Technical, Event and Competition Committee currently supported by volunteer, Alejandro Diaz (ESP).

The Sport Executive Committee meet on a regular basis while the IWAS Headquarters hold skype meetings with Chairman, Fabio Rodo on a weekly basis.

WORLDWIDE REACH

It was agreed that as the sport still does not fulfil the criteria for the IPC Paralympic Programme, IWAS would not apply on behalf of the sport, although the intention remains to apply as soon as the criteria are met. In order to be considered a worldwide sport it must be active in a minimum number of nations and continents.

Development work and communication with the countries marked with an asterisk (*) were made in 2016 to develop the worldwide reach of the sport. The other countries listed are active, participating nations;





CLASSIFICATION

The final version of the IWAS Powerchair Hockey Classification Manual was presented and approved during the Sport Assembly held in De Rijp on 18th July 2016, following recommendations and consultation with IWAS Sports Science & Medical Officer Mr. Johnson Nino-Soto, MD and IPC Classification Managers.

The main goal was to renew and update the Classification system bringing it up-to-date and in line with IPC guidelines and standards. In order to do this a deep analysis and revision of the Classification methods and standpoints have been necessary and also comparisons and good practice from other wheelchair sports have been invaluable in the formation of the manual.

The aims of the revision were as follows:

1. Focus: focus on 'impairment based' classification instead of 'performance based' classification.
2. Formulation: formulate a new, modern, IPC compliant eligibility rule.
3. Replacement: replacing the 'disability-list' with IPC eligible impairment types.
4. Uniformity: Create uniformity in the classification of athletes with the same impairment type.
5. Transparency: making classification more transparent
6. Restoration: restoring the sport class as an 'impairment' class instead of an 'equipment' class.

There are plans in 2017 to host Classification Courses to bring current classifiers up to date on the changes whilst also introducing new classifiers into the international circuit.

COMMUNICATION

In early 2016, IWAS Powerchair Hockey launched a new website (www.powerchairhockey.org) aimed at providing a one-stop shop for all information, documents and updates on the sport. Following the appointment of Marketing and Communications Officer, Rasmus Nielson, the website will continue to be improved and made more accessible in the coming year alongside the launch of a sport specific Instagram account.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The IWAS Powerchair Hockey European Championships 2016 were hosted in the Dutch province of De Rijp from 10 to 17 July 2016 following the withdrawal to host from previously awarded Madrid, Spain. The Netherlands take to the court to battle first time finalists, Italy, to the highly coveted European title. Finishing in a 7-2 victory on home soil for The Netherlands, the reigning World and European Champions held firm onto their title leaving Italy with a well-deserved silver. The Bronze medal match saw Germany steal the show with a 9-1 victory over Belgium while a 6-3 Danish win over Switzerland secured a 5th place ranking for Denmark. The Championships were a great success which saw IWAS Powerchair Hockey make a surplus to be used next year alongside the IWAS Grant for development projects.

Bid applications for the IWAS Powerchair Hockey World Championships have already been received and site visits will begin in the new year.





PARTNER SPORTS

PARA TAEKWONDO

The Memorandum of Understanding between IWAS and World Para Taekwondo remains in place. Discussions continue in regard to the hosting of a G6 World Ranking event at the IWAS World Games in 2017.

WORLD FLYING DISC FEDERATION

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IWAS and the World Flying Disc Federation in November 2016. Two volunteers currently with IWAS have been appointed to the Wheelchair Flying Disc working group to assist in the development of the sport.

WORLD PARAVOLLEY

Discussions began with Barry Couzner OAM, the President of World ParaVolley in late 2016 in regard to the inclusion of ParaVolley in the World Games programme. An mutually beneficial Memorandum of Understanding is in the process of being drawn up pending signing at the respective Executive Board meetings in early 2017.

The inclusion of Beach ParaVolley in both the standing and sitting discipline is currently under discussion for the sport programme of the IWAS World Games 2017 following the final Memorandum signing.

SPORTS SCIENCE & MEDICAL

IWAS continues to work in cooperation with WADA to educate nations about anti-doping and to promote clean sport.

TESTS CONDUCTED IN 2016	IN COMP	OUT OF COMP	ADVERSE ANALYTICAL FINDING
	Testing conducted 12 hours prior and during competition	Testing conducted at any time outside of a competition or sporting event	A report from a laboratory or other WADA approved testing entity that identifies in a specimen the presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers, or evidence of the use of a prohibited method
IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CUP (Eger, Hungary)	6	0	0
IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING ASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hong Kong)	7	4	0
IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CUP (Laval, Canada)	4	0	0
IWAS WHEELCHAIR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Turin, Italy)	9	0	0
IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Sao Paulo, Brazil)	14	0	1
IWAS UNDER 23 WORLD GAMES 2016 (Prague, Czech Republic)	12	0	0
IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CUP (Warsaw, Poland)	6	0	0
IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING U17 & U123 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Stadskanaal, The Netherlands	8	0	0
IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CUP Pisa, Italy	6	0	0
IWAS POWERCHAIR HOCKEY EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS De Rijp, The Netherlands	9	0	1
TOTAL	81	4	2

CREATING A REGULAR TEST POOL (RTP) AND OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING

RTPs exist in our member nations and out of competition testing is being conducted on our membership. This is an area where improvements must be made. Funding for out of competition testing remains problematic and enquiries have been made to see how this can be overcome.

TUE (THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION) AND DOPING COMMITTEES

We continue to use the expertise of our TUE. ADAMS (Anti-Doping Administration and Management System) was created by WADA as a web-based database to assist with the coordination of anti-doping activities and we are now using this system to its full potential.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

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:

- Unaudited Trustee's Report and Financial Statements by Hillier Hopkins LLP
- This Annual Activity 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 considers that an independent examination of the accounts is sufficient for the Federation's need.



FINANCES

In 2016, the organisation received a total income of £188,238 (2015 - £258,123) and ran a net deficit of £50,340 (2015 – surplus of £50,164).

IWAS also administers the accounts for IWAS Sport and below are their final account balances as of 31st December 2016:

IWAS Wheelchair Fencing: -£2092 IWAS Powerchair Hockey: £13,738

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2016	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2016	TOTAL FUNDS 2016	TOTAL FUNDS 2015
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING FROM				
Donations and legacies	122	18,075	18,197	15,189
Investment Income	251	-	251	247
Charitable Activities	156,288	13,502	169,790	242,687
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	156,661	31,577	188,238	258,123
RECOURSES EXPENDED				
Raising Funds	3,033	-	3,033	2,439
Charitable Activities	151,699	83,846	235,545	205,520
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	154,732	83,846	238,578	207,959
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	1,929	(52,269)	(50,340)	50,164
Transfers between Funds	(23,852)	23,852	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES	(21,923)	(28,417)	(50,340)	50,164
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(21,923)	(28,417)	(50,340)	50,164
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2016	122,470	67,728	190,198	140,034
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016	100,547	39,311	139,858	190,198

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