



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2023



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It gives me great pleasure to greet you all from the first World Abilitysport Annual Report.

2023 has been a year of transition as we make our mark as the newly established organisation of World Abilitysport. The year has seen us welcome new members, growing our reach and moving forward with new partnerships and strengthening existing initiatives.

Our mission to foster inclusivity and provide a platform for athletes of all abilities has never been stronger. We began working with new and upcoming sports, creating more opportunities for participation and competitive experience as well as hosting a number of recreation programmes.

In addition to our annual competition calendars, we have also focused on educational and academic initiatives. Our inaugural conference held in Edinburgh welcomed academics, sport practitioners, parents, athletes and coaches to share in their experience and knowledge shining a light on the benefits of active lives.

Our governed sports have gone from strength to strength in 2023, both engaging new countries into their reach and expanding the competitive pool. We have seen once again a comprehensive competition calendar for wheelchair fencing and an exciting roster of athletes in great form as we approach the 2024 Paralympic Games.

We closed the year out with the much anticipated 2023 World Abilitysport Games held in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. Having been cancelled twice in the years previous due to the impact of Covid-19, it was a pleasure to see so many of our members represented by nearly 1000 athletes competing in an extensive sports programme.

I would like to extend my thanks to the departing Board Members for their commitment and dedication during their time in office and a warm welcome to the new Board and Council members of which I am delighted to recognise the gender equity and continental spread of our representation.

Thank you for your continued support and shared belief in our goals. Together, we are building and strengthening the recreational and competitive pathways for our athletes and I look forward to pushing onward with this mission into 2024.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rudi Van den Abbeele". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rudi Van den Abbeele  
**President**





# OUR VALUES

## VISION

To inspire worldwide achievements in sport.

## MISSION

To develop sporting opportunities for athletes to maximise their potential.



# OUR MEMBERSHIP

## FULL MEMBERS

Australia	Disability Sport Australia
Austria	Austrian Sports Federation for Disabled
Belarus (suspended until 2026)	Belarus Paralympic Committee
Belgium	Belgian Paralympic Committee
Brazil	Brazilian Paralympic Committee
Canada	Canadian Fencing Federation
Canada	Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association
China	Chinese Disabled Persons' Federation
Croatia	Croatian Paralympic Committee
Cyprus	Cyprus Sports Federation for Persons with Disabilities
Czech Republic	Czech Sports Organisation for the Physically Disabled
Czech Republic	Czech Cerebral Palsy Sports Federation
Denmark	Denmark Paralympic Committee
Egypt	The Egyptian Sports Federation for Athletes with Cerebral Palsy
England	CP Sport England
Estonia	Estonian Paralympic Committee
Faero Islands	Parasport Foroyar, Faroe Islands Paralympic Committee
Finland	Finnish Paralympic Committee
France	Federation Francaise Handisport
Georgia	Georgian Paralympic Committee
Germany	Germany Paralympic Committee - Deutscher Behindertensportverband e.V.
Great Britain	WheelPower - British Wheelchair Sport
Greece	Hellenic Sports Federation for Persons with Disabilities
Hong Kong China	Hong Kong China Paralympic Committee
Hungary	Hungarian Paralympic Committee
India	Paralympic Committee of India
India	Cerebral Palsy Sports Federation of India
Indonesia	National Paralympic Committee of Indonesia
Iran	IRI Sports Federation for the Disabled
Iraq	National Paralympic Committee of Iraq
Ireland	Irish Wheelchair Association Sport
Israel	Israel Paralympic Committee
Italy	Italian Paralympic Committee



Japan	Japanese Paralympic Committee
Kazakhstan	National Paralympic Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Kenya	Kenya Wheelchair & Amputee Sport Federation
Korea	Korea Paralympic Committee
Korea, Republic of	Korea Disabled Veterans Organisation
Kuwait	Kuwait Disabled Sport Club
Latvia	Latvian SOD
Lithuania	Lithuanian Sports Federation for the Disabled
Luxembourg	Luxembourg Paralympic Committee
Macau	Associacion Recreativa dos Deficientes de Macau
Malaysia	Persatuan Orang-Orang Cacat Anggota
Malta	Malta Sport for the Disabled
Mexico	Mexico Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Fed
Mexico	Federación Mexicana de Deportes para Personas con Parálisis Cerebral A.C
Morocco	Royal Moroccan Federation of Sports for People with Disabilities
Netherlands	National Paralympic Committee of the Netherlands
Poland	Polish Sports Association for the Disabled
Portugal	Portuguesa Federacao de Desporto para Pessoas Deficiencia
Qatar	Qatar Paralympic Committee
Russia (suspended until 2026)	Russian Federation of Sports for Persons with Physical Impairment
Scotland	Scottish Disability Sport
Serbia	Serbia NPC
Singapore	Singapore Disability Sports Council
Slovak Republic	Slovak Sports Association for the Disabled
Slovenia	NPC Slovenia - Sports Federation for the Disabled of Slovenia
South Africa	South African Sports Association for Physically Disabled
Spain	Spanish Sports Federation for People with Physical Disabilities
Spain	Spanish Sports Federation for People with Cerebral Palsy and Cerebral Injury
Sweden	Swedish Sports Organisation for the Disabled and Swedish NPC
Switzerland	Wheelchair Sport Switzerland
Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei Paralympic Committee
Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei Cerebral Palsy Sports Federation
Thailand	Sports Association of the Disabled of Thailand
Thailand	Cerebral Palsy Sports Association of Thailand
Turkey	Turkey Paralympic Committee
UAE	UAE Paralympic Committee
Ukraine	National Paralympic Committee of Ukraine
USA	Move United
Venezuela	Venezuela Fencing Federation
<b>SECONDARY MEMBERS</b>	
Canada	PowerHockey Canada
Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation
Cyprus	Cyprus Paralympic Committee
Czechia	Czech Sports Association for Physically Handicapped
Great Britian	Limbpower
Hong Kong China	Sports Association for the Physically Disabled of Hong Kong, China
India	Sports Control Board of India for the Disabled
<b>DEVELOPING MEMBERS</b>	
Costa Rica	Costa Rica Fencing Federation
Ecuador	Ecuadorian Sports Federation for People with Physical Disabilities
Mexico	Mexico Wheelchair Fencing Federation
Romania	National Paralympic Committee of Romania
Uruguay	Uruguay Fencing Federation

# GOVERNING BOARD



**RUDI VAN DEN  
ABBEELE**  
President



**DR TARIQ  
ALNUAIMI**  
Vice President



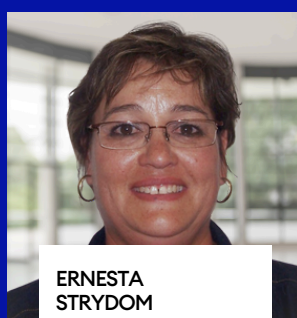
**PAVEL  
ROZHKOV**  
2nd Vice President



**BOB  
PATERSON MBE**  
Honouray Treasurer



**DINA  
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Trustee



**ERNESTA  
STRYDOM**  
Trustee



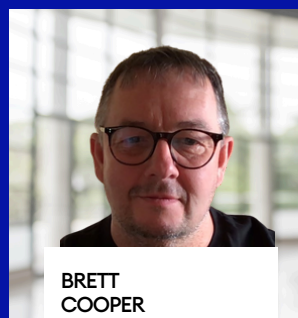
**PAL  
SZEKERES**  
Trustee



**CATHIE  
SHERRINGTON**  
Trustee



**JULIAN  
REBOLLO-MARTINEZ**  
Trustee



**BRETT  
COOPER**  
Trustee



**IAN DONALD**  
Assistant Treasurer  
NON-VOTING



**CHARMAINE  
HOOPER**  
NON-VOTING



**KARL VILHELM  
NIELSEN**  
Resigned



**MARYAM  
SHOKOUI**  
Resigned



The Governing Board continues to be the supreme decision-making body for World Abilitysport. Following the merge between IWAS and CP-ISRA, the two Governing Boards were merged until relections at the first World Abilitysport General Assmebly held in December 2023 (Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand).





# 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On 8th December 2023, the first World Abilitysport General Assembly and Elections were held in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. The inaugural Assembly welcomed 28 full member organisations in person as well as two secondary members to the host city of the concurrent 2023 World Abilitysport Games.

## ELECTIONS

The Assembly voted for the first elected World Abilitysport Governing Board and two members of the newly formed Council achieving a 50/50 gender split and representation from four continents for the first time.

Former IWAS President, Rudi Van den Abbeele and Vice President, Dr Tariq Sultan bin Khadim were elected for their first term in the same positions for World Abilitysport.

Re-elected for a further term as Trustees were Brett Cooper (GBR), Dina Sotiriadi (GRE), Ernesta Strydom (RSA) and World Para Fencing Chairman, Pal Szekeres (HUN). Newly elected to the Board, the Assembly welcomed NPC Latvia's Secretary General, Liene Apine and elected on home soil, Maitree Kongurang of Sports Association for the Disabled of Thailand.

**30**

Members attended in person



**50/50**

gender split achieved in the elections



# GOVERNING BOARD



**RUDI VAN DEN ABBEELE**  
President



**DR TARIQ ALNUAIMI**  
Vice President



**IAN DONALD**  
Honorary Treasurer



**DINA SOTIRIADI**  
Trustee



**ERNESTA STRYDOM**  
Trustee



**PAL SZEKERES**  
Trustee



**MAITREE KONGURANG**  
Trustee



**BRETT COOPER**  
Trustee



**LIENE APINE**  
Trustee



**CHARMAINE HOOPER (CEO)**  
NON-VOTING





# COUNCIL

While the Governing Board provide high level governance and strategic direction of the organisation, the General Assembly also appointed members to the newly formed Council to act as an advisory committee to the Governing Board on specific matters such as membership, sports and games development.



# PURSUIT TROPHY



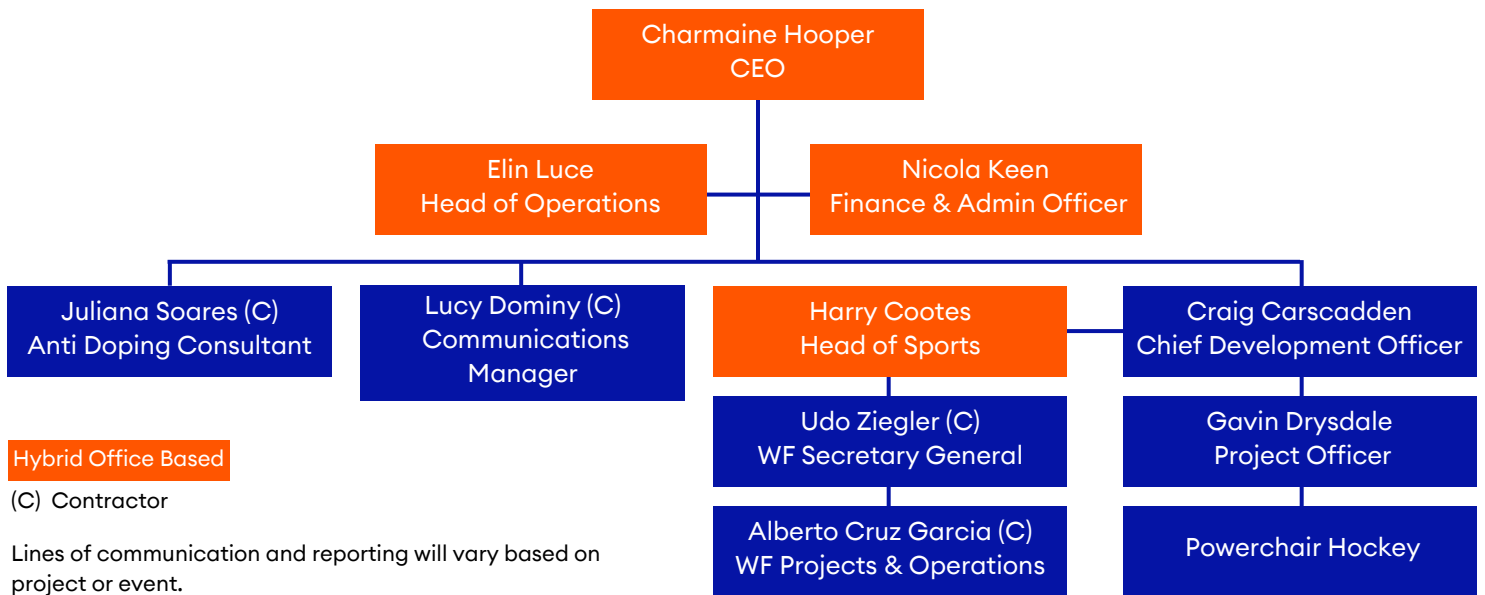
Honorary Treasurer, Bob Paterson MBE, was awarded the Pursuit Trophy and became the first recipient of the World Abilitysport Honorary Patron title, during the General Assembly in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand.

World Abilitysport President, Rudi Van den Abbeele presented the award, a replica of Jimmy Laird's sculpture of a shot putter that sat in the entrance of Stoke Mandeville Stadium and has since been awarded to individuals who have shown outstanding contributions to the Paralympic Movement.

Bob said, 'I feel so honoured by both the Pursuit Trophy and my new title of Honorary Patron that the best I can do is to thank all the wonderful people I have met as athletes, volunteers and administrators for letting me enjoy my involvement with the work of World Abilitysport and its predecessors over the years. Thank you everyone.'

# STAFF TEAM

The World Abilitysport staff team is made up of full-time, part-time and contracted staff. Four members of staff, including the organisation's CEO, work from the headquarters based a short distance from Stoke Mandeville Stadium at Buckinghamshire College Group Aylesbury Campus.



Reviewed: October 2023





# WHEELCHAIR FENCING



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



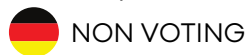
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SZEKERES**  
Chairman



**JAKUB  
NOWICKI**  
Vice Chairman



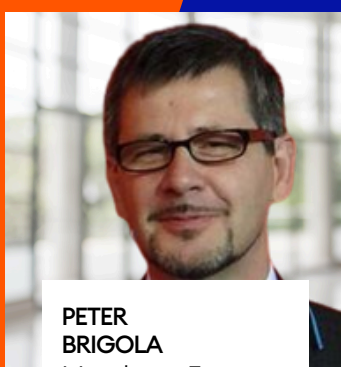
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ZIEGLER**  
Secretary General



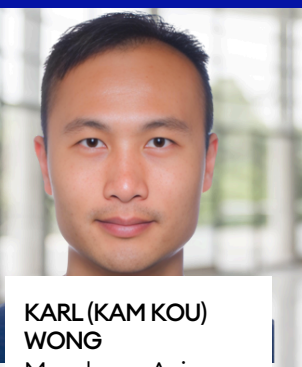
**ANITA  
LASZLO**  
Head of Classification



**ARNO  
SCHNEIDER**  
Member - Americas



**PETER  
BRIGOLA**  
Member - Europe



**KARL (KAM KOU)  
WONG**  
Member - Asia



**CHRISTINA  
MASSIALA**  
Member



**PASCAL  
GODET**  
Member



**PETER  
HUGGINS**  
Member



**ALBERTO  
ANCARANI**  
Member



# COMMISSIONS & COUNCILS

## REFEREE COMMISSION

Chris Farren  
Great Britain

## RULES COMMISSION

Sean Shumate  
USA

**DISCIPLINARY  
COMMISSION**  
Alberto Ancarani  
Italy

## SEMI COMMISSION

Peter Huggins  
Great Britain

## MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Ying Ki Fung  
Hong Kong

## SPORTS COMMISSION

Daria Marchetti  
Italy

## DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Peter Brigola  
Austria

## PROMOTIONS COMMISSION

Christina Massiala  
Greece

## GENDER EQUITY COMMISSION

Mirani Fernandes  
Brazil

## COACHES COUNCIL

Pascal Godet  
France

## ATHLETES COUNCIL

Gemma Collis  
Great Britain

# TRIBUTE TO YING KI FUNG

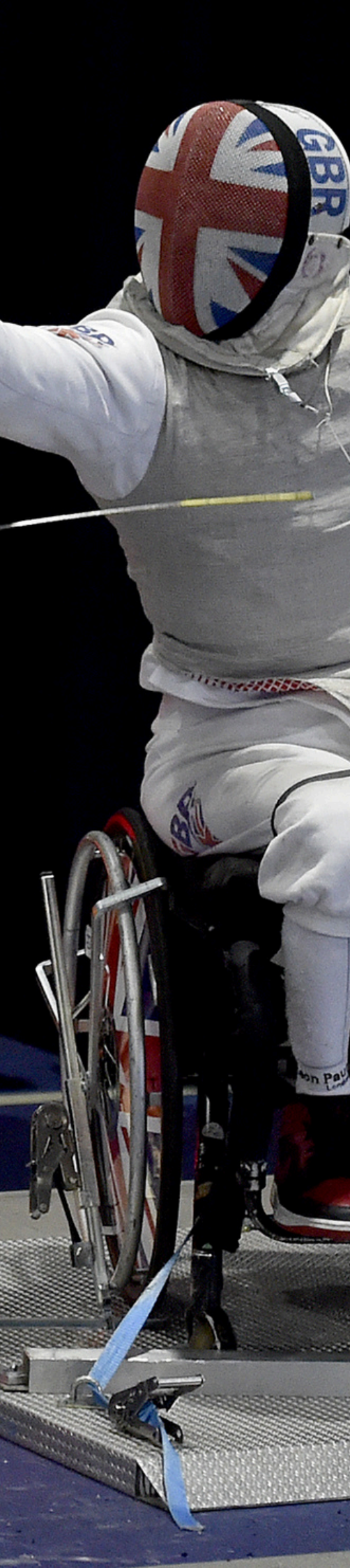


In November 2023, the wheelchair fencing community lost five-time Paralympic champion and international classifier Ying Ki Fung of Hong Kong who passed away suddenly at the age of 43.

Pal Szekeres, Chair of the Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee, said: “He was a very sympathetic person, an excellent fencer, intelligent and funny guy. We lost not only a champion, we lost a good friend. Our deepest condolences go to his family. We will never forget you my friend.”

Ying Ki Fung will be remembered for his tremendous contributions to the sport of wheelchair fencing and his impact will be felt for many years to come.





# COMPETITION CALENDAR

## **World Cup**

14-17 January 2023 | Washington DC, USA

## **World Cup**

16-19 March 2023 | Pisa, Italy

## **World Cup**

20-23 April | Nimes, France

## **Satellite Competition**

May 20- 21 2023 | Orange, France

## **World Cup**

6-9 July 2023 | Warsaw, Poland

## **Satellite Competition**

4-5 August 2023 | Sao Paulo, Brazil | WF Satellite

## **U23 World Championships**

30 August - 1 September 2023 | Busan, South Korea

## **World Cup**

2-5 September 2023 | Busan, South Korea

## **World Championships**

3-8 October 2023 | Terni, Italy

## **Asian Championships**

23-28 October 2023 | Hangzhou, China

## **World Cup (World AbilitySport Games)**

5-8 December 2023 | Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand

# ACTIVE NATIONS



## AMERICAS

Argentina  
Brazil  
Canada  
Colombia  
Jamaica  
Uruguay  
USA  
Venezuela

## ASIA

China  
Hong Kong China  
India  
Iraq  
Japan  
Korea  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Macau  
Malaysia  
Mongolia  
Thailand  
Taipei

## EUROPE

Belgium  
Spain  
France  
Great Britain  
Georgia  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Israel  
Italy  
Latvia  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Poland  
Türkiye  
Ukraine

## OCEANIA

Australia

## WORLD ABILITYSPORT

Refugee team

**39**

Competing Nations

**3**

New active teams  
joined in 2023 (JAM,  
VEN & WA)



# 2023 SPORT MILESTONES



- Jamaican fencers made their World Cup debut in Nimes, France
- Fencers from Australia became regulars on the competition circuit
- Terni, Italy hosted the World Championships from 3-8 October 2023
- Iraq won the Team Epee at the World Championships
- Coaches Seminars were held in Greece and Costa Rica
- USA, South Korea and France hosted Referee Seminars
- A Classifiers Seminar was hosted in South Korea





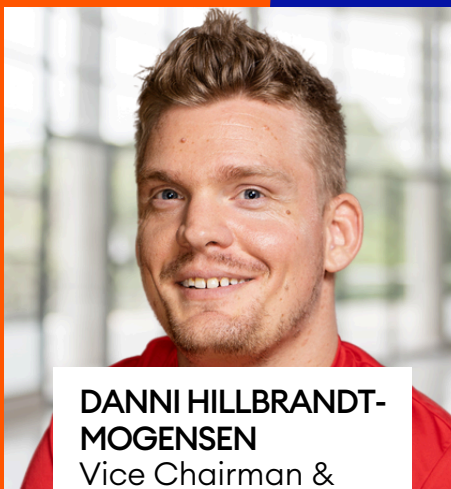
# POWERCHAIR HOCKEY



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**FABIO  
RODO**  
Chairman



**DANNI HILLBRANDT-  
MOGENSEN**  
Vice Chairman &  
Development Officer



**SEPPE  
HEMERIJCKX**  
Communications  
Officer



**ANNA  
ROSSI**  
Technical &  
Classification Officer



**MEGHAN  
HINES**  
Secretary Officer



The following Committees continue to support the sport and the function of the Sports Executive Committee;

## REFEEREE COMMITTEE

Head: Davor Matijašević (SLO)  
Secretariat: Inge De Zwart (NED)  
Members: Lauri Oksanen (FIN)  
Matthias Vanhove (BEL)  
John Blackburn (CAN)  
Andrea Vacchetti (ITA)

## CLASSIFIER COMMITTEE

SEC Officer: Anna Rossi (ITA)  
Members: Kees van Breukelen (NED)  
Luca Tomasi (ITA)  
Isabelle Pulver (SWI)

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

Head: Seppe Hemerijckx (BEL)  
Members: Dijana Lešić (BEL)  
Glenn Nouws (BEL)  
Hedwige Van Steen (BEL)  
Seppe Hemerijckx (BEL)

## DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Head of Commission: Danni Mogensen (DEN)  
Members: Meghan Hines (CAN)

## JURY MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Head: Dorte Berenth (DEN)  
SEC Officer: Anna Rossi (ITA)  
Members: all the licensed juries

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Head of Committee: Vacant  
SEC Officer: Anna Rossi (ITA)  
Members: Alejandro Diaz (SPA)  
Danni Mogensen (DEN)

# ACTIVE NATIONS



Argentina	Developing
Australia	Active
Belguim	Active
Brazil	Developing
Canada	Active
Czechia	Active
Denmark	Active
Estonia	Active
Finland	Active
Germany	Active
Italy	Active
Japan	Developing
Morocco	Developing
Netherlands	Active
Russia	Developing
Slovakia	Active
Slovenia	Active
Spain	Active
Switzerland	Active
UK	Developing
USA	Active

**15**

Active Nations

**6**

Developing Nations

**3**

Continents



# 2023 SPORT MILESTONES



- Launched the first International Powerchair Hockey Day on 7th April 2023.
- Swedish Floorball Federation and the Swedish Parasport Federation established an international network of hockey/floorball organisations
- The first steps towards an education platform began to give one central point for information relating to powerchair hockey for athletes, coaches, officials and developing nations.
- One-on-one nation meetings were held to understand internationally common challenges and share in successes and best practice.
- The Qualification Tournament 2023 (De Rijp, Netherlands) saw Belgium bag the last slot to compete in the 2024 European Championships.
- The Jury Members Committee managed a review of procedures on speed controls and match table management and created a digitalised match form which was tested at the QT in November.



# WORLD PARA DANCE SPORT

In November 2023, IPC announced that the governance of World Para Dance Sport would be transferred to World Abilitysport. Para dance sport has been governed by the IPC since 1998 and is one of six Para sports for which the IPC acts as the international federation.

Para dance sport is practiced in over 30 countries. The last edition of the World Championships in Bonn, Germany in 2019, saw 225 athletes (124 women and 101 men) from 26 nations competing in 21 medal events. Genoa, Italy will host the next World Championships, the first under the governance of World Abilitysport, from 24 to 26 November 2024.

Andrew Parsons, IPC President, said: “World Abilitysport is an organisation whose history is closely linked to the history of the Paralympic Movement. It has a proven record of developing sports from grassroots to an elite level, as well as a vast experience as governing body. I would like to thank World Abilitysport for their passion and commitment to Para sports, which will provide Para dance all the necessary knowledge and skills to grow and flourish.”

World Abilitysport will take over the governance on 1st January 2024.



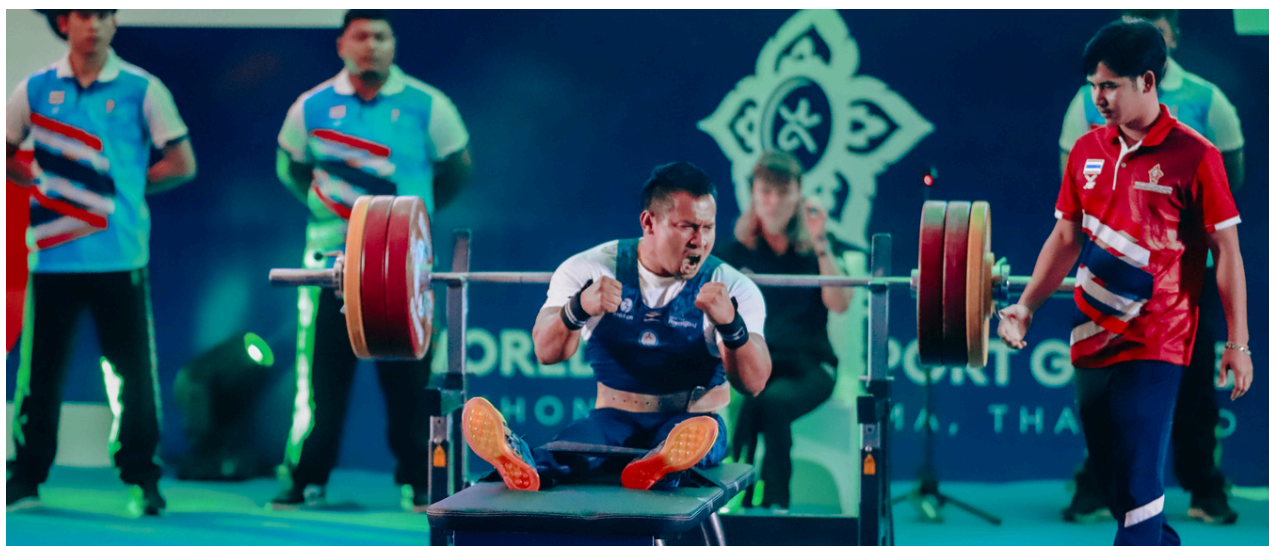


# **WORLD ABILITYSPORT GAMES**





**2023**  
**WORLD ABILITYSPORT GAMES**  
NAKHON RATCHASIMA, THAILAND



The inaugural World AbilitySport Games were held from 1st to 9th December 2023 and welcomed 950 athletes from 45 countries to the host city of Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. An extensive programme of ten sports were on offer including, athletics, swimming, table tennis, powerlifting, road & track cycling, rowing, archery, badminton, shooting, snooker and wheelchair fencing. Three demonstration sports, E-sports, pétanque and sepak takraw, all hugely popular in the host nation, were also showcased.

**950**

Athletes

**45**

Competing Nations

**10**

Competition Sports

**3**

Demonstration  
Sports

# RECREATION CAMPS



Teen Camp at  
Benrigg Trust,  
Kendal, UK

## Teen camp 2023 | 10-14th April 2023

The teen camp took place from 10-14th April 2023 at Benrigg Trust and welcomed 11 teenagers predominantly with cerebral palsy.

The activities were delivered by Benrigg Staff and included a hill tube slide, indoor climbing, zip wire, big swing, abseiling, caving, archery and orienteering. The camp concluded with a full days canoeing.

The teenagers formed a tight-knit peer support group throughout the camp with the accompanying parents also benefitting from the sharing of experience and knowledge.



## Family Camp July | 31st to August 4th 2023

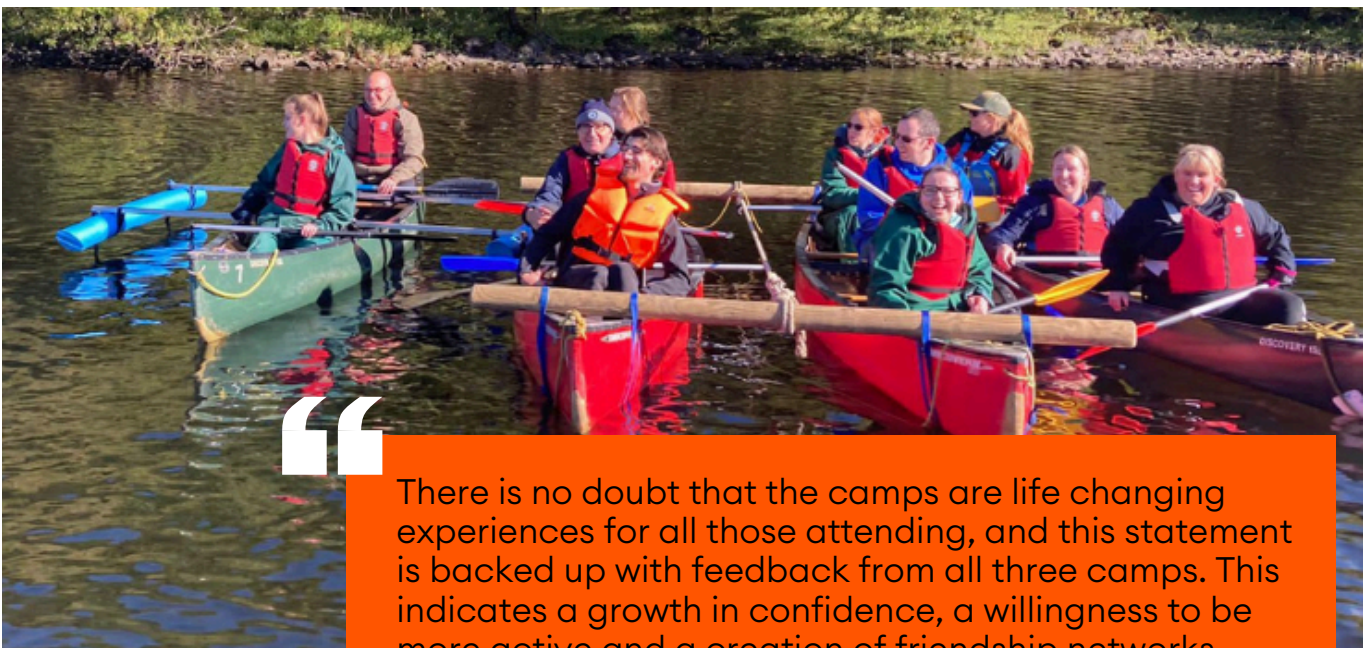
The 2023 World Abilitysport Family Recreation Camp took place from 31st July to 4th August 2023 at the Calvert Trust in Keswick, Cumbria. The camp saw the participation of 14 families comprising a total of 53 individuals. All families had a child under 12 years of age with a physical impairment, the majority with a neurological impairment. The groups included a mix of wheelchair users and ambulant participants, fostering an environment of inclusivity and camaraderie.

The activities that the group participated in included, canoeing, rock climbing and orienteering, with these high energy activities supplemented by bush craft and nature walks. In addition, the participants had access to supervised pool sessions on two evenings and a sensory room.

## Adult Camp | 26th -29th September 2023

The adult camp took place from 26th -29th September 2023 at Benrigg Trust hosting 12 participants. All those participating had neurological conditions with three wheelchair users ranging from 18-35 years of age.

Climbing, archery, and the tube slide were added to the customary canoeing, sailing, and orienteering. In addition, everyone went caving, one group to a new indoor facility and another group visited a cave in the Yorkshire dales.



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There is no doubt that the camps are life changing experiences for all those attending, and this statement is backed up with feedback from all three camps. This indicates a growth in confidence, a willingness to be more active and a creation of friendship networks.

Craig Carscadden, Head of Development

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# CONFERENCE



## 2023 World AbilitySport Conference on Physical Activity

The 2023 World AbilitySport Conference on Physical Activity for Health for People with Cerebral Palsy and other Neurological Conditions was held at the University of Edinburgh and online from 20-21 October 2023.

The inaugural research conference brought together academics, sport practitioners, parents, athletes and coaches to shine a light on the physical and social benefits of sport and physical activity for those with Cerebral Palsy and other Neurological Conditions.

Around 150 delegates from 20 countries attended the conference both in-person in Edinburgh and online.



# MEDIA & COMMUNICATION



## RESULTS

Worldabilitysport.org ended 2023 with 39,000 users in total as the vision for a single organisation representing all athletes with physical impairments was realised. This is more than either IWAS or CPISRA achieved historically on their own.

YouTube channel subscribers also reached triple figures in 2023 as the World Abilitysport Games were shown live for the first time and wheelchair fencing delivered a full competition calendar, including a World Championships.

At the end of 2023, World Abilitysport's total digital audience was more than 26,000 followers. World Abilitysport reached just over 87,000 followers on Facebook, 58,500 on X and 8,800 on Instagram and content on YouTube was watched nearly 139,000 times. These figures were all achieved organically with no paid advertising deployed.

## REBRAND

An exciting and eventful year in World AbilitySport's digital world saw the consolidation of the online presence of IWAS and CPISRA in preparation for the launch of the new organisation.

Social media played a key role in presenting the new World AbilitySport brand and ethos to the world in May, marking International Day of Sport for Development and Peace in style.

The new logo and elements of the strategy were shared with compelling imagery across YouTube, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and Facebook. The former IWAS website - redesigned and relaunched in 2021 - was also given a makeover with the new brand.



The Ability symbol has been crafted to act as a figurative expression of our athletes and can also be interpreted as a 'w' and an 'a', in reference to our name.

## GAMES & EVENTS

2023 ended on a high with the World AbilitySport Games in Nakhon Ratchasima. It was the first time that a Games had been shown live and featured coverage of multiple sports including road cycling, swimming, wheelchair fencing, shooting, athletics and badminton. Wheelchair fencing also featured commentary on all four days of the World Cup.

Almost half of World AbilitySport's Facebook and a large portion of its Instagram reach for 2023 was achieved during December, the month of the Games.

It was a similar story with the number of followers and profile visits on Facebook and Instagram. These saw 80 and 70 per cent increases respectively, adding an average of 200 followers to each account.



# ANTI DOPING

## COMPLIANCE

Completing the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Code Compliance Questionnaire (CCQ) is a requirement from WADA to ensure all parties involved in sport are in compliance with the WADA Anti-doping Code. The CCQ is to be completed every four years and 2023/2024 is the turn of World Abilitysport.

## EDUCATION

Education is our top strategic action for avoiding doping cases. We make every effort to deliver education where possible by collaborating with both internal external partners. The recruitment of Juliana Soares as World Abilitysport Anti-Doping Consultant has streamlined both the operational process of anti-doping but also allowed for a significant growth in our anti-doping education opportunities.

In 2023 we delivered three on-line meetings for athletes and their support personnel in English with 45 people in attendance.

During the Wheelchair Fencing Under 23 World Championships in Bussan, Korea, we delivered education via an education booth as a trial to see if this remote option would be a more accessible, cost effective option.



## “PLAY CLEAN”



The World Abilitysport “Play Clean” initiative was launched at the 2023 World Abilitysport Games in Thailand giving the opportunity to make our commitment to anti-doping education and clean, fair sport, more visible.

# 2023 ANTI-DOPING STATISTICAL REPORT

World Abilitysport Anti-Doping Code, article 14.4; 'World Abilitysport will publish an annual statistical report of its Doping Control activities.

Testing and ADVRs					
Sport	Urine Testing	AAF	ATF	ADRV	
	IC	OOO			
Wheelchair Fencing	44	4	0	1*	0
Powerchair Hockey	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1*</b>	<b>0</b>
*This ATF (male) still in investigation, is not a closed process					
Sport	Gender				
	Male	Female			
Wheelchair Fencing	26	22			
Powerchair Hockey	0	0			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>			
Non-World Abilitysport sports during the World Abilitysport Games:					
Sport/Event	Urine Testing	AAF	ATF	ADRV	
	IC	OOO			
Para Athletics	13	0	1*	0	0
Para Powerlifting	11	0	0	0	0
Para Swimming	4	0	0	0	0
Para Archery	2	0	0	0	0
Para Badminton	6	0	0	0	0
Disability Snooker	1	0	1*	0	0
Para Cycling	2	0	0	0	0
Shooting Para Sport	3	0	1*	0	0
Para Table Tennis	5	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
*The investigations are ongoing for all the AAF (males)					
TUEs					
Sport	TUEs				
	Granted	Denied			
Wheelchair Fencing	6	2			
Powerchair Hockey	3	1			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>			
TUE - Statistics					
Substance Class					
S.4	S.6				
3	1				
S.7	S.9				
1	4				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>				



# FINANCIAL REPORTING

To maintain transparency about our work and activities, and as part of our status as a charitable organisation based in Great Britain, World Abilitysport publishes reports and accounts on a yearly basis.

An Unaudited Trustee's Report and Financial Statements by Hillier Hopkins LLP are available on request. This Annual Review is also part of our regular reporting.

Together, these ensure we are open with our stakeholders and meet the requirements of Companies House and the Charity Commission.

The Federation is reporting for the first year as World Abilitysport but under the same company number since 1992.

In 2023, the organisation received a total income of £697,557 (2022: £914,428) and ran a net surplus of £252,621 (2022: £341,701).

Total income received in 2023 amounted to £697,557 (2022: £914,428). The Charity's income levels are cyclical in nature, dependent on our games programme and on the cycle of the Paralympic Games. The heights of 2022 are unlikely to be reached again in the near term, and 2023's performance needs to be seen in the context of exceeding expectations.

Expenditure continues to be tightly controlled, and the reported surplus for the year was £252,621 (2022: £341,701).

The Charity's cash position remains strong, with cash balances at £859,403 (2022: £634,491).

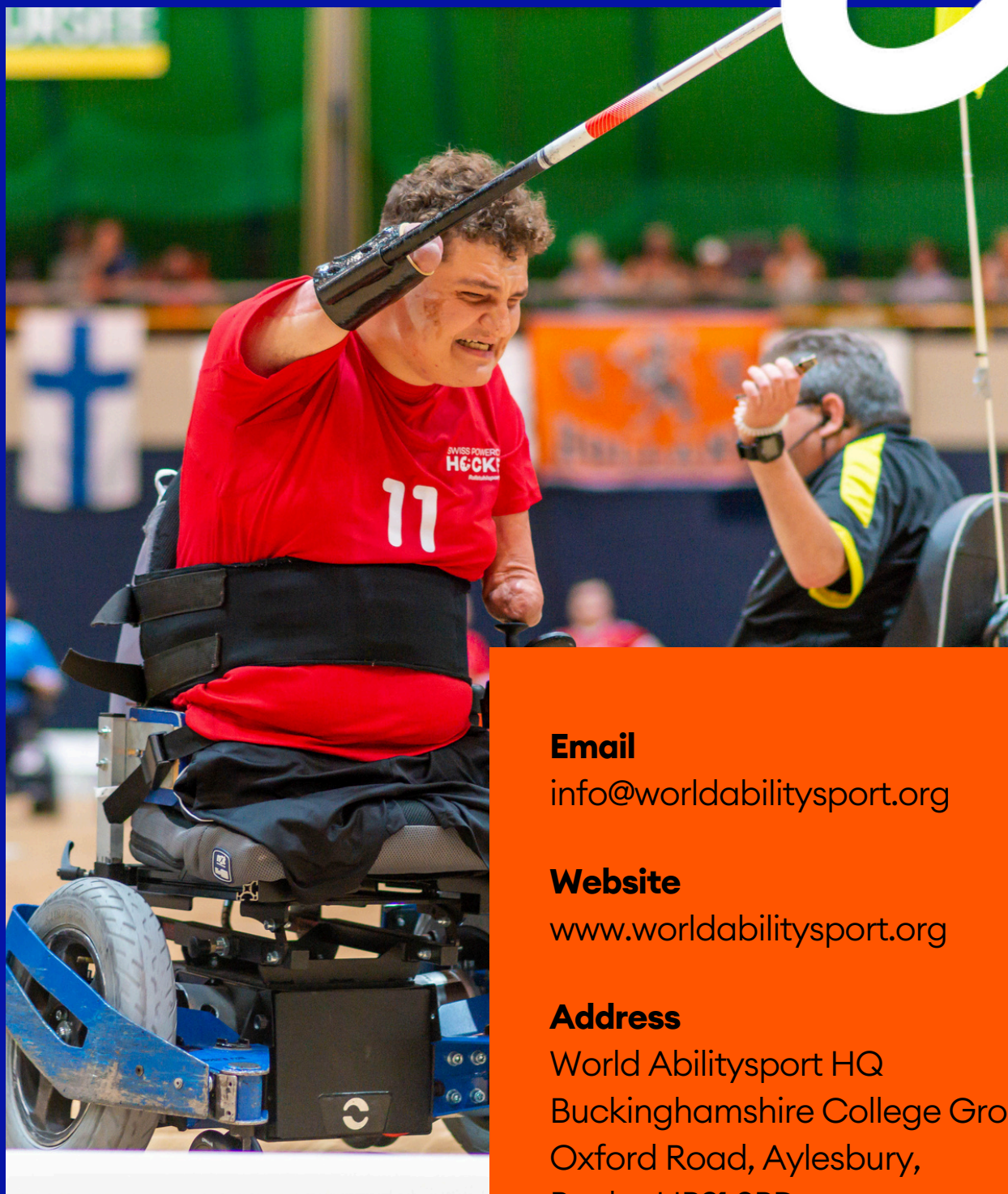
2024 being a Paralympic year, it is to be expected that these reserves will reduce over the course of the year.

Final account balances 2023: sports

- Wheelchair Fencing £62,200
- Powerchair Hockey £0

The full submission of accounts can be found [here](#).

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