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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has been almost four years since I have been able to join many of you at an IWAS General Assembly or the World Games. I anxiously look forward to see you all at the General Assembly held in conjunction with the World Games in Sharjah.

These last two years have been one of adjustment for IWAS. In mid 2010, Maura Strange, our Executive Director, Secretary General and torch bearer for IWAS and the Paralympic Movement for over 18 years had chosen to work part time. Based on her years of service to the athletes, it was my honour to nominate Maura for the IPC Paralympic Order and this was bestowed upon her in 2009. Maura continues to support the

Federation in the position of Secretary General.

To help prepare for this Maura had assisted us in reorganizing HQ staff, promoting Charmaine Hooper to the position as Head of Operations. In 2009 we added two dedicated and hardworking individuals Stacey Ashwell, Sports and Finance Administrator and Morwenna Breen-Haynes, Membership Services. This team makes for a strong HQ as they work very well together.

We have also established an Executive Management Committee, including Maura, Karl Vilhelm Nielsen, and Bob Paterson and me, which meets by conference call at least monthly to direct the Federation's programs. I also meet with the Head of Operations weekly by conference call to assist in guiding the Operations.

As always IWAS supports a full calendar of event to fulfil our mission to maximizing sport opportunities for athletes to compete and develop. As you can see from the following reports IWAS Wheelchair Fencing continued to conduct a strong program with their series of World Cup events and again has been successful with organizing its World Championship in conjunction with the FIE World Fencing

Championship in Catania later this year.

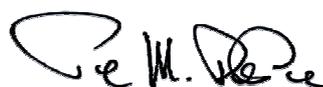
Further, as part of IWAS ongoing program to conduct IWAS World Junior Games every year, competitions were held in Olomouc, Czech Republic in 2010 and in Dubai UAE in 2011

The IWAS World Wheelchair and Amputee Games, conducted regularly every two years, were held in Bangalore, India in 2009 and are scheduled for Sharjah, United Arab Emirates in December 2011.

IWAS continues to be a dynamic Federation in support of athletes. Electric Wheelchair Hockey an exciting developing sport joined our ranks and January 2010 IWAS Wheelchair Rugby gained independence as a new federation, International Wheelchair Rugby Federation.

In 2010 discussions began with CP-ISRA President Koos Engelbrecht and members of their executive board in a positive effort to promote increased participation in IWAS Games for Class 30 athletes and the sport of Race Running will be introduced into the IWAS programs for the first time in Sharjah. I have appointed a committee chaired by IWAS vice president Karl Vilhelm Nielson, supported by Executive Board Members Maura Strange and Pieter Badenhorst to continue the discussions with CP-ISRA.

IWAS continues to be a dynamic Federation focused on the objective of maximizing sport opportunities for athletes to compete 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

IWAS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SERVING OFFICERS

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Mr Paul DePace
IWAS Executive Management Committee
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SECRETARY GENERAL

Maura Strange
IWAS Executive Management
Committee

HONORARY TREASURER

Bob Paterson
IWAS Executive Management
Committee



Presentations of Reports From 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 Federation's next biennial General Assembly will be held in Sharjah, UAE, in December 2011. The Federation's Secretary General has notified membership and made 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.

Currently (2011) work has begun to develop and publish a complete Handbook for the Induction & Training of new EB members which can be referred to at any time via a website page exclusively for the use of Executive Members. This will make it easier for the EB members who are not based in Britain.

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 3 years into this strategy, with 1 ½ of these already allocated to the training of a Head of Operations (HoO) so that a May 2010 start to this function could happen. 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.

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From Vice President Karl Vilhelm Nielsen

General Assembly in Bangalore, India - November 2009:

A General Assembly with attendance from many nations went well even though the President Paul De Pace was unfortunately absent.

A main issue was signing the agreement with Wheelchair Rugby to become an independent sports federation.

A new Executive Board was elected – a warm welcome to all new members.

IWAS World Games in Bangalore, India – November 2009

An IWAS policy is to endeavour to hold our Games in regions that we are rarely able to offer sports events in which brings a lot of challenges to both organizers and the IWAS HQ

Executive Board Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, USA – March 2010

The new Board met for the first time – and we noted that we have got a good mixture of representation from different areas – both in geography and qualifications.

Workshop for Electric Wheelchair Hockey in Nottwill, Switzerland – July 2010 I had the pleasure, on behalf of IWAS to attend a workshop for referees in this sport which is very focussed on athletes with high support needs. Summarising the event I am able to state that Electric Wheelchair Hockey is an exemplary and exciting sport with a great potential for development.

IWAS World Junior Games in Czech Republic – August 2010.

Well organized with attendance from many Nations and new athletes.



Executive Board Meeting in Olomouc, Czech Republic – August 2010. At this Meeting we had a discussion on what we would like to focus on in the political area and we found a common agreement that we should seek a closer partnership (amalgamation?) with CP-ISRA to the benefit of our athletes and Organizations.

We –IWAS– could open a discussion on that issue at CP-ISRA's coming GA in October 2010.

If also CP-ISRA would find such a discussion fruitful we would propose to set up a joint working group with representatives from both parties.

CP-ISRA General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden – October 2010
As a representative from IWAS I invited CP-ISRA to send athletes to the coming IWAS Games – Junior in Dubai and World in Sharjah – and it was well received from the Nations and the Executive Committee of CP-ISRA.

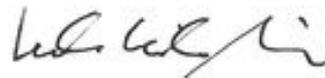
Later on we noted that 20-30 % of the athletes to the Junior Games in Dubai were CP-Athletes – and also noted that it was the first

international Games – except from The Paralympic Games – where CP-Athletes were invited to attend since 2005.

That also led to establishing a joint working group for discussing a possible future and closer cooperation between the two Organizations – first meeting been held in Copenhagen July 2011.

And IWAS will also invite CP-Athletes to attend the coming World Games in Sharjah – and we know that the CP-athletes will like to attend.

World Championship in Electric Wheelchair Hockey in Italy – November 2011. A well-organized Championship for 8 strong teams gave the spectators an exciting week with several good games.



Karl Vilhelm Nielsen
Vice President IWAS

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From Secretary General, Maura Strange

It is two years now since my last report to the General Assembly which took place in India in 2009 during the IWAS World Games, at which time I gave a presentation on a succession strategy as I had reached a certain age and needed to slow down. I continue to give you my pledge; however, that my commitment and passion related to the IWAS Family has not diminished.

Succession Strategy

I started the period under review still as your Executive Director/Secretary General. The President has reported on my reduction of hours as Executive Director and our decision not to undertake recruitment and appointment of a new Executive Director, but call for the function to be replaced with an Executive Management Committee on which I also serve alongside our President (as Chair), together with Vice President and Hon Treasurer. In order to support the continued delivery of identified operational services to Nations, Sports and the Federation's Board and the new Executive Management Committee (Executive Director) function, I had a strong belief in creating the conditions to support the recruitment and training of new staff well before I reduced my hours, as it was getting very difficult being a one-man band at the HQ! Charmaine Hooper, Stacey Ashwell and Morwenna Breen Haynes, whom you have all met over the past few years, have therefore become our new Operational staff at HQ and between them fill a very important function for the

Federation in creating continuity of service.

In May 2010, we took another step and promoted Charmaine Hooper, recruited for her background in disability sport and her abilities in event management, IT systems and Fundraising, to Head of Operations. This is a completely new function within IWAS HQ, but one that we feel can be very successful by focussing on Charmaine's particular skills to lead us internally in these areas and supporting the work of our key pro-bono experts and managers in our Sports. The HoO is presently answerable to the Executive Management Committee which replaces a paid Executive Director.

In my retained role as Secretary General from May 2010, which I undertake as a part-time position until the Federation elections in 2013, I continue to support the fundamental strategic objectives of the Federation, and I now have the time to concentrate more effectively on priorities and tasks associated with my job description, without the burden of excessive operational and administrative demand intervening. So, I continue to take a lead in external matters and contribute to the Executive/Governance function of the Federation, with particular emphasis on relationships with Membership, IPC, IOSDs etc. Far from seeing less of me, I shall during this period be as active as ever in the Secretary General function, in an improved context to better fulfil my obligations.

Our aim therefore is very simple in our succession strategy, and we hope, very constructive, as it has been carefully planned over a long time and gives us the time to try new ways of structuring delivery of responsibilities without impacting on the levels of service we have always maintained. In this way it will also ensure that we are properly tailoring both our staffing and services appropriately to maintain and continue to improve our operational commitments.

Continuing SG Responsibilities 2009 to September 2011

During the period under review, I have continued to participate in **IPC IOSDs Council Meetings** (held 2011 instead of 2010 in Bonn, Germany on 19th and 20th February). Unfortunately, the IWAS President was unable to attend and our Vice President, Karl Vilhelm Nielsen came as his nominated representative. The meeting members elected a new Chairman for the IOSDs Council, Mr Bob Price, President INAS-FID and the first action that members identified for the Chair to take forward was closer co-operation with IPC Governing Board and clarification on regulations, infrastructure and conditions to facilitate the work of the IOSDs in contributing both singularly and collectively to Paralympic movement objectives. To ensure that the IPC meets its obligation to support all Councils in achieving a meeting every year, the next meeting of the IPC IOSDs Council will again be held this year, taking advantage of the opportunity for members to be already in Beijing for IPC's Conference and General Assembly. The IWAS President and I will attend all the relevant IPC

Meetings during the period 5th to 12th December representing the IWAS Family.

As you will have seen from press releases and communications, IWAS has listened very hard to comment from the nations regarding lack of competitive opportunity for **CP-ISRA** sportsmen and women in the Sport of Athletics and had already taken an initiative to include CP athletes in our Junior and World Games programme from 2010 onwards. As an additional action, it was decided to create a Working Group of 3 members from both CP-ISRA and IWAS to further progress collaborative endeavour between our two organisations to the benefit of our memberships. I was asked to be part of the 3 member team representing IWAS Executive Board. In this capacity and under the leadership of Karl Vilhelm Nielsen (IWAS) and Koos Engelbrecht (CP-ISRA) we had occasion to utilise the opportunity of the IPC IOSDs Council and had a brief meeting during breaks in the Council Meetings where we confirmed that one move forward could be to include opportunity for severely disabled involved in the sport of Race Running at the World Games. This was endorsed by CP-ISRA and also IWAS EB and the LOC of the IWAS World Games this year, during the April meetings of the Executive Board. Following this, a further meeting involving Karl, and myself with Koos Engelbrecht and Craig Carscadden from CP-ISRA was held during the International Race Running Tournament, held in Copenhagen. A more comprehensive report will come forward to the General Assembly of Nations 2011 from Karl Vilhelm Nielsen and we will also be

convening a further session of the Working Group during the period we are present in Sharjah.

The Executive Board in their meeting in April also put me forward to make a presentation on behalf of IWAS at a forthcoming **Conference to be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE** in late May of this year. This proved to be a very constructive exercise and I have no hesitation in recommending the UAE's capacity to provide a Development Hub for IWAS in the Arab Region.

As one of the authorised signatories on behalf of IWAS, I also monitor and ensure that IWAS delivers well in its presentation of the sport of Wheelchair Fencing at the **London Paralympic Games** and fulfils the obligations of the tri-partite contract (MOU and Appendices) between IWAS, IPC and LOCOG. There have been two meetings with London 2012 and their WC Fencing Competition Manager, Hilary Philbin that I have attended alongside our Technical Delegate, Mr Alberto Martinez Vassallo at the London offices of 2012 during this period under review i.e. in October 2010 and June 2011, and I take the opportunity to assure our Nations that practise the sport, that effort from LOCOG is very professional and eager to provide us with a superb presentation of a high quality event more than equal to that of the Olympic Games .

I regularly undertake **Regulatory reviews** and have identified and reported on any changes to these to the IWAS EB for ratification and inclusion in our Federation Handbook. In particular, please note the appendix to this report which covers the work of the

Classification Appeal Panel that I chaired from July to September 2011. In respect to Constitutional Reviews, you will also note from a motion presented by the IWAS Executive Board that there is a request for the General Assembly to consider changes to the Constitution to reflect the change in infrastructure associated with the Succession Strategy.

No doubt all of you will know that the year 2012 coincides with our 60th Anniversary and the birth of the Paralympic Movement. The EMC members have been active in bringing forward opportunities and projects so that HQ can really attack a promotional plan to make sure the world is aware of what the IWAS Family has achieved in the past 60 years and what it continues to bring to the movement globally.

We hope very much that each of our member organisations will support a celebration in their own country. Please do not hesitate to contact HQ in this regard.

I look forward to working with you all and to continued success of the Federation and its strong membership.



Maura Strange
Secretary General IWAS

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From Honorary Treasurer, Bob Paterson

IWAS has focussed its attention and resources on the support and development of new sports and continued to encourage sports to become independent within world sports programmes while maintaining a healthy programme of opportunities in multi- and single sport events.

In December 2009 Wheelchair Rugby went independent and in March 2010 IWAS made a donation of £7,000 towards their start-up expenses.

During the period under review we held Junior World Games in Switzerland in 2009 and Czech Republic in 2010. These were attended by 147 athletes from 20 Nations and 242 athletes from 12 Nations respectively.

The 2009 World Games were held in Bangalore, India and were attended by 698 athletes from 38 Nations. As this was a first time for the Indian Organising Committee, the event placed a special burden upon our expert volunteers and HQ staff to try and ensure the event went as smoothly as possible from the athlete's point of view and, acting on past experience, we kept control of the finances by processing all fees through HQ.

At the General Assembly held in Bangalore members were given the outline of our succession strategy as Maura Strange moves closer to full retirement after the 2012 Paralympics. Maura remains

the IWAS Secretary General but is working nominally fewer hours as she prepares for retirement. The President and the Executive Management Committee have been giving extra support to Charmaine Hooper over the past 18 months as she settles into her post as the IWAS Head of Operations

Charmaine is very ably supported by Morwenna Breen-Hayes and Stacey Ashwell and for this year going forward the team can be further strengthened by two part-timers, Kimberley Travers and Tom Clowes, who can be called upon to help with workload peaks as required.

We continue to take advantage of the current UK regulations for operations of our size and have again had our accounts reviewed by an independent examiner, Rachel Andrews. This has been invaluable, as has her support during the year, as we no longer have HQ staff who are professionally skilled in accountancy but who have proved themselves to be more than capable of keeping track of our figures using the computer system we have fully commissioned. During the examination of the 2009/2010 accounts, anomalies were uncovered with our treatment of Value Added Tax and these have now been written off so that 2011 started with a clean situation.

Members will remember the investment fund that had been raised by our Marketing Officer, Amir Hosseini, in Iran and during the period it was decided to bring the funds back into the UK to form part of our operational resources.

In each Report I submit I feel it is important to emphasise that our Federation tries to fund its daily operations from the membership fees but to enable us to achieve our primary objectives in the provision of world-class sporting opportunities for athletes with a disability, the staging of events and capitation fees from IWAS-Approved events are essential as sources of revenue. This is an area where our member nations can make vital contributions to our financial health.

Our organisation is run on a very tight basis and we are fortunate that our staff are dedicated to our aims and carry out their work well beyond their "job descriptions" without complaint. In addition the valuable contribution made by an army of volunteers must never be overlooked as that ensures our programmes can be fulfilled. However I must ask all our members to do everything they can to consider ways of improving our income through sponsorships and general fund raising, so necessary for us to achieve our aims and objectives with continuous development on behalf of our athletes. Please help us!

Recommendations:

- 1) That the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2010 are received and accepted.**
- 2) That Rachel Andrews is appointed as our Independent Examiner for the 2011 and 2012 accounting periods.**
- 3) That the Budgets for 2012 and 2013 submitted by the Executive Board are approved.**
- 4) That the Income & Expenditure Statement to 30th September 2011 is accepted**

Respectfully submitted



R.I. Paterson
Honorary Treasurer

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From Sport Sciences & Medical Committee Chairman,
Dr Oriol Martinez

In my capacity as IWAS Medical Officer re-elected after Bangalore IWAS General Assembly, it is an honour for me to endorse 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 2009 to August 2010.

1. Main work actions of the Medical Officer in this period

1.1. Coordination in the implementation of the new IWAS Anti-doping code

In collaboration with the Chairperson of the IWAS Anti-doping Sub-committee Dr. Toni Pascual and IWAS Headquarters staff has been implemented the new IWAS Anti-doping code in total agreement with the current World Anti-doping Code. This new IWAS A-D Code has been approved after some minimum final rectifications by the WADA organization with congratulation on the other hand for its high execution of the normative World cup for the fight against the doping in the world sport. I also thank to our General Secretary Ms Maura Strange for their personal implication in the attainment of this requirement.

1.2. Presentation and countersigned of the new IWAS Anti-doping Code 2009 - 2012

Following the statutory command of our federation the new IWAS A-D Code should have been presented to the IWAS member nations for its approval. This was carried out previous support of the IWAS Executive Board in the IWAS General Assembly celebrated during November 2009 in Bangalore (India). This code was presented and defended by the IWAS Medical Officer and approved unanimously by the present members in this General Assembly. You now can consult it and to use their management possibilities and implementation in our website <http://www.iwasf.com> together with the current WADA Prohibited Substances List applicable.

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

After being accepted the new IWAS Anti-doping the Code and in their application the IWAS SS&MC has been reorganized and re-structured and it has enlarged its members after the elections from IWAS Executive Board during the last IWAS General Assembly.

The structure and current members are the following one:

- IWAS SS&MC Chairperson : Dr. Oriol Martínez (Spain)
- IWAS SS&MC Members : Dr. Bassam Qasrawi (Kuwait)
Dr. Rafael Martínez Cayere (Puerto Rico)
Dr. Luca Michelini (Italy)
- IWAS Anti-doping Sub-committee: Dr. Toni Pascual (Spain) – Chairperson
- IWAS TUE Sub-committee: Dr. Norma Angélica Patiño (Mexico)
Dr. Johnson Niño-Soto (Colombia)
Dr. Oriol Martínez (Spain) – TUE Sub-committee chair

2. Anti-Doping programme – Follow - up Process September 2009 – August 2010

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

2.1. Official Anti-doping Controls:

- Wheelchair Fencing: 7
- Wheelchair Rugby: 9
- Bangalore IWAS World Games: 27
 - Swimming: 3
 - Powerlifting: 11
 - Athletics: 13
- Wheelchair and Amputees Athletics European Championship:

2.2. Official Adverse Anti-Doping result: 2

- Wheelchair Fencing: 1 Not positive case for TUE correct process, in national level.
- Wheelchair and Amputee Athletics: 1 AAF * in actually management.

2.3. TUE's procedure:

- Standard TUE in this period: 7
 - W Rugby: 4 (2009) – W Fencing: 2 — Others: 1

3. Others IWAS SS&MC activities

During this period the SS&MC has carried out other regular activities, like they are:

3.1. Regulars SS&MC Meetings

- Annual Meeting to the Sports Sciences & Medical Committee, in Vancouver March 2010.
- 2 IWAS Anti-doping Sub-committee 2009.
- 2 IWAS Anti-doping Sub-committee 2010.

3.2. Others meetings:

- The IWAS Medical Officer take part, with a Executive Board Member, in the IWAS General Assembly, Bangalore November 2009 and regular IWAS Executive Board in 2009.

- The IWAS Medical Officer take part in de IWAS Symposium, Bangalore November 2009 presenting the conference with the title: Educational Profile in Anti-doping, in compliance of WADA Educational Program for IWAS national members.
- 3.3. IWAS SS&MC members other international representation:
- During this period some members of the IWAS SS&MC have been appointed in the relevant positions in the world Paralympic movement:
 - Dr. Toni Pascual has been IPC Anti-doping Committee Chairperson and also has been WADA Lab group Chairperson.
 - Dra. Normal Angélica Patiño has been IPC Medical Committee member.
 - Dr. Oriol Martínez has been IPC Medical Committee Chairperson.
- 3.4. Scientific activities
- During this period the Dr. Oriol Martínez participate as speaker in the WADA World TUE Symposium, take place in Strasbourg December 2009, presenting the conference with the title:TUE Management for Paralympic Athletes - A Different Approach Needed?

4. Proposals IWAS Sport Sciences and Medical Committee for 2010-2011

- 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.
- Formation and education of the IWAS Headquarters staff in Management of all the derived actions of the anti-doping fight following WADA-AMA approaches, 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 in IWAS Official Sports and the IWAS Official Events and Games.
- Development of the Educational Anti-Doping Programme during 2010 - 2011: Especially in 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 I.P.C. 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 Headquarters.

5. Last reflections and comments

I cannot conclude this report to the Executive Board without making mention to the last events related with the handling of the anti-doping control, especially in the 2009 IWAS World Games - Bangalore and in the 2010 Wheelchair and Amputee Athletics European Championship. Our handling of the anti-doping control has been completely irresponsible and of a very low administration level. For example I should have recommended the suspension of the Anti-doping Controls in Bangalore for the inefficiency of the organization and for the lack of levels minimum sanitarians in the anti-doping stations and me continue without to know who negotiate and I sign the authorizations of the controls of the athletics that are signed always, controlled and authorized by the IWAS Medical Officer.

I want to make a reflection to the Executive Board that the high competition level at the moment cannot be managed without a good handling of the Anti-doping and that now we possess an excellent new IWAS A-D Code like effort of many and congratulated by WADA, but this is not by no means everything, its excellence should be passed over to an excellent administration that today per today is of almost professional character, and also those not correct actions in its handling can mean a damage for the athletes, a I discredit for the competition and even an important economic expense for our federation.

I recommend this Executive Board that takes concrete initiatives to improve their management and application.

Respectfully submitted, first August 2010

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Dr. Oriol Martínez
IWAS Medical Officer

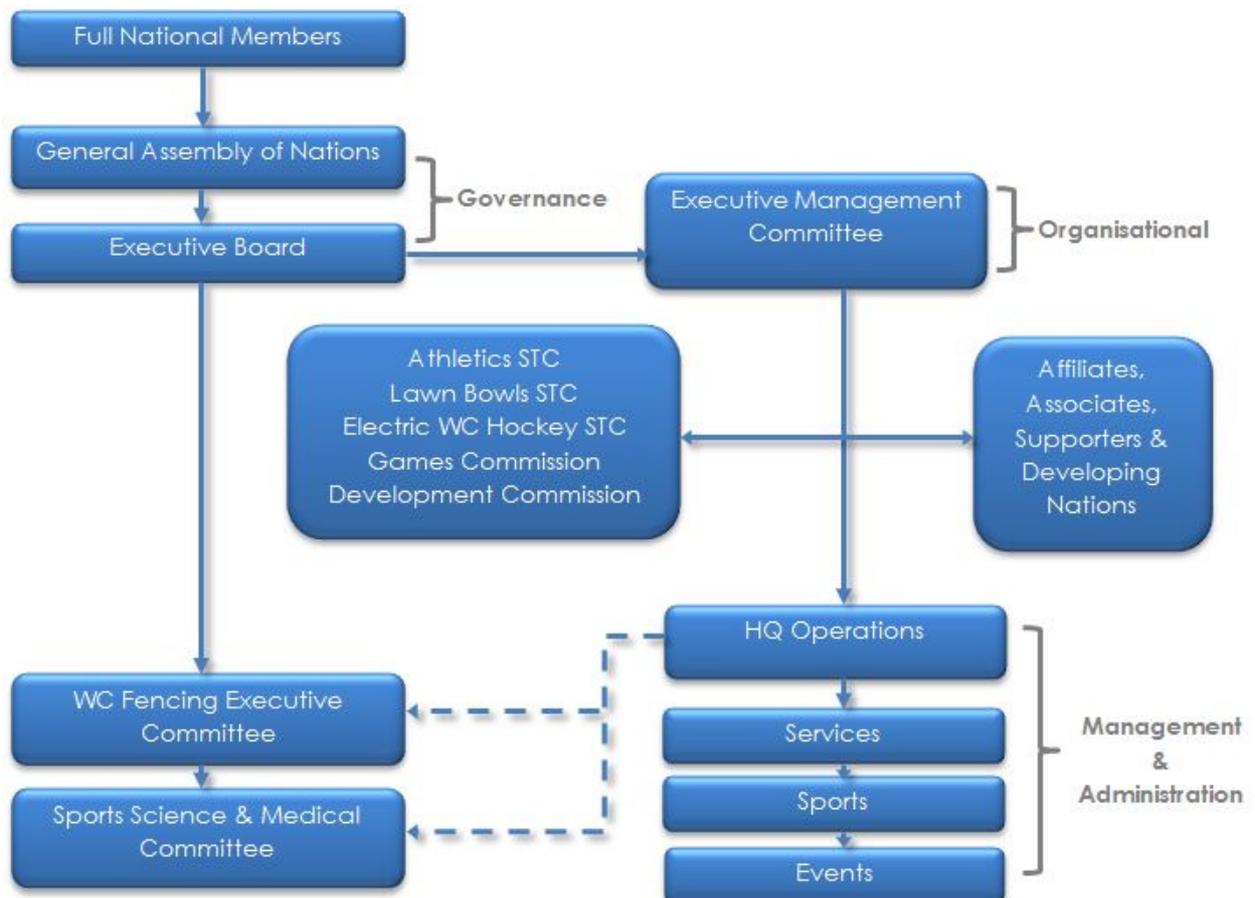
VISION

A society where athletes with physical disability have a defined pathway to develop themselves to their highest level of performance based solely on their own abilities and efforts.

MISSION

To create and advance an environment world-wide which fosters and encourages the development and self-determination of youth, men and women with a physical disability through sport from grass roots to elite level in a spirit of "friendship, unity and sportsmanship" through a professional headquarters, IWAS national members and international partners.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



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 Guttmann, 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.

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



Electric Wheelchair Hockey, World Championships 2010, Italy



Wheelchair Fencing, World Championship 2010, France



IWAS World Junior Games 2010, Czech Republic

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.

In order to maintain this level of best practice, we continue to implement the 2006-2010 classifier training and accreditation plan and, after seminars carried out IWF is now in the position of having a classification team composed of 6 "Master" International Classifiers, 10 International Classifiers and 22 National Classifiers, with more in the pipeline.

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. There is now in place a referees training programme with protocols established for examination of potential candidates.

Rules & Regulations

The IWF Competition Rules were brought up to date in 2010 creating a single Rules book incorporating the FIE and IWAS rules for fencing together. This initiative was led by Vittorio Loi, Vice Chair of IWF. This new publication also includes the specific regulations of IWAS, ie World Cups, Regional and World Championships. Further Chapters are being added as they are developed, i.e. equipment, youth and other themes related to the sport of Wheelchair Fencing.

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 been excellent for the past 10 years and IWF has been invited to EB of FIE and close cooperation in the FIE Medical, Referees and Equipment Commissions. This close collaboration has supported other initiatives and activities during the period under review and we had our second joint World Championships with FIE in Paris France in 2010 following the success of joint Championships in Turin, Italy in 2006.

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:

28 - 31 January 2010	World Cup - Malchow, Germany
30 April - 2 May 2010	World Cup - Montreal, Canada
21 - 23 May 2010	World Cup - Lonato, Italy
8 - 12 July 2010	World Cup - Warsaw, Poland
5 - 12 November 2010	World Championships - Paris, France
12 - 19 December 2010	Asian Regional Championships - Guangzhou, China

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.

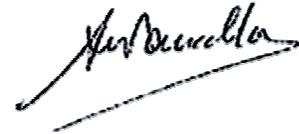
An evaluation of regional activity in the sport demonstrates that we have the following practising the sport of wheelchair fencing at some level:

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

IWAS ATHLETICS

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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 Athletics Executive Committee

The IWAS Athletics Executive Committee was disbanded in 2010 as IPC Athletics has been recognized as the IF for the sport.

IWAS Athletics Competitions

1. IWAS Athletics Junior World Championships

- IWAS Athletics Junior World Championships, Olomouc, Czech Republic

2. Regional Championships

- European Open, Stadskanaal, Netherlands

3. IWAS Athletics Series

1, 2 May 2010 - Avignon, France

22, 23 May 2010 - Pula, Croatia

29, 30 May 2010 - Emmen,
Netherlands

9 June 2010 - Leverkusen, Germany

11 June 2010 - Bottrop, Germany

19 June 2010 - Stoke Mandeville,
Great Britain

Developmental/Educational Programs

In the framework of its developmental role, IWAS Athletics has developed an Education Program for Sport Officials.

This Program consists of 3 Levels:

Level 1 - National Trainee

Level 2 - National, International Trainee

Level 3 – International

At each Level two parts (theory and practice) plus an exam test are included. The Trainees must successfully pass one level in order to move to the next one.

The Programs have been implemented in many occasions. IWAS, in cooperation with DIR foundation Gold for Africa, presented a competition and training seminars for Classifiers and Sport Officials in Addis Ababa, ETH, in October 2009 in order to assist the African countries.

Rankings, Records and Databases

IWAS offers a very well informed and detailed database of all athletes over the world since 2003. In this database the best performances of each athlete have been captured.

Records that have been found are: World Records, Paralympic Records, World Championships Records, African Records, American Records, Asian Records, European Records, Oceania Records and, finally, Junior World U20 Records started from the Switzerland IWAS Athletics Junior World Championships.



JAN BOCKWEG
IWAS ATHLETICS MANAGER

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR HOCKEY

ACTIVITIES

1. Reaching full IWAS status

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

- a. 3rd Continent into the sport:
Contact with Canada and USA are increased.
- b. Growth of number of playing nations/athletes:
Will be 'measured' in 2011 by the biannual ICEWH Questionnaire
- c. Organisation Sport Assemblies, Regional and World Championships on a regular base:
The 2nd WC2010 and 9th SA have taken place in Italy (reports available)
- d. Education of Technical Delegates, Jury Members, Classifiers, Referees:
In 2010 a Referee Course is organised in Switzerland and Classifiers and Jury education is given during the WC2010.
- e. Classification System:
The ICEWH Medical Committee is working on it and the SA has discussed the proposals.
- f. Business Plan 2010-2020:
Is accepted by the SA and is published.

2. Events and Competitions

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

- a. European Championship 2012:
Bid possibility is send to nations. Finland is appointed.
- b. 4th Development Event with Referee Course, Athletes Course and Trainers/Coaches Course:
Has taken place in Switzerland in July 2010 (report available).
- c. EWH (demonstration) events during FIH and IFF events.
The EWH Finnish National team has given demo's during the World Championship Floorball for men in Helsinki for 5000 spectators.
- d. EWH-demo-event during the IWAS Youth World Games 2010.
Unfortunately no EWH demos have taken place.
- e. 2nd Champions Cup for winners of national competitions.
In 2010 no unofficial Champions Cup has taken place, but will be organised in 2011 in Germany. The SA2010 has decided to keep the Champions Cups as unofficial events in this stage. ICEWH supports the OC.
- f. 2nd World Championship.
Has taken place in November 2010 in Lignano, Italy with 8 National Teams.
- g. Referee Course, Jury Course and Classifiers Courses during World Championship.
Jury and Classifiers education for new officials have taken place. All licensed officials got education too.
- h. 9th Sport Assembly with 2nd regular elections in 2010.
Has taken place in November 2010 in Lignano, Italy

- i. Preparations Qualification Tournament for European Championship 2012 in 2011.

ICEWH has supported appointed nation Spain.

3. Expand/maintain international contacts

- a. To set up further contacts with Canada/USA Power Hockey and other continents to increase the cooperation by visit Power Hockey Cup in August 2010.

John Teunissen and Anja Wouters have visited the Power Hockey Cup (with 8 Canadian and American teams) in August 2010 in Toronto, Canada. Representatives from Canada visited the WC2010 and a 'workgroup' is working on a business plan for further national and international development of the sport. ICEWH is supporting this workgroup.

- b. To maintain and increase the contacts with FIH (International Fieldhockey Federation) and IFF (International Floorball Federation) to look for possible cooperation / integration

IFF representatives have visited the WC2010 and are very positive about cooperation. ICEWH has good contacts, is using IFF events for EWH demo's and is using the IFF website with ICEWH information and link to the ICEWH website.

*With **FIH** the contact is going. They will discuss cooperation after installation of their new CEO in 2011.*

- c. To support (new) EWH nations in their development.
All questions form nations are answered by ICEWH.
- d. To set up contacts with new nations/continents: Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, South Africa, etc. by invitations for WC and SA 2010.
Unfortunately no new contacts are realised with the mentioned nations. Canada and USA were invited for the WC&SA2010. Canada was present.

4. Questionnaire for statistics

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

The biannual questionnaire is sent in 2009.

Data's are presented at the ICEWH Sport Assembly 2010.

Growth of 220 players in the last 2 years to 1500 players.

5. Development Players Eligibility and Classification System

EWH Classifiers have refined the criteria of players eligibility and has developed a proposal for a classification system to be tried out during the WC2010 and for agreement during the SA2010.

The ICEWH Medical Committee has been working on it and the SA has discussed the first proposals. Scientific research is necessary. Contacts with universities are realised, but without result so far.

6. To find "professional" Sport Technical Executive Committee (STEC) Members

During the Sports Assembly 2010 the 2nd regular elections for the ICEWH Executive Committee is held. Members have given direction to the ICEWH Subcommittees and have executed a firm policy towards growth. The ICEWH strives to settle STEC with 5 "professional" members. The STEC consists of 4 members (volunteers).

7. To find capable persons for the Subcommittees

To continue the development of EWH internationally, capable members for the several subcommittees are needed to execute the work. Without these committees, ICEWH cannot guarantee to offer support and achieving its aims. The Executive Committee will appoint members.

In 2011 more volunteers will be appointed. The Medical, Jury and Referee Committees are running, but with too less members.

8. Promotion

The Communication & Marketing Committee shall:

- a. Keep the new website updated and linked to the IWAS website.
- b. Develop promotional material (leaflet, DVD, stickers, etc.)
- c. Shall develop a sponsor plan and shall look for sponsorships.
- d. Promote and sell the Electric Wheelchair Hockey trainers handbook "Principles of Electric Wheelchair Hockey".

Unfortunately no members are found for this committee. The EC takes the work as far as possible.

9. Improving financial position

The STEC shall start activities to obtain sufficient financial basis to develop the necessary activities, i.e. by sponsorship via the website.

Activities are not realised due to lack of time with the current member.

10. STEC Meetings

The STEC has met (by Skype) once every month.

11. STEC Meetings with IWAS

The STEC has met (by Skype) with the IWAS where necessary. Contact was mostly by email.

2010 MEMBER COUNTRY LISTING

Algeria	France	Netherlands
Argentina	Germany	New Zealand
Australia	Great Britain	Norway
Austria	Greece	Poland
Azerbaijan	Hong Kong	Portugal
Bahrain	Hungary	Qatar
Barbados	India	Russia
Belarus	Iran	Saudi Arabia
Belgium	Iraq	Serbia
Brazil	Ireland	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Italy	Slovenia
Canada	Japan	South Africa
China	Jordon	Spain
Chinese Taipei	Korea	Switzerland
Colombia	Kuwait	Thailand
Croatia	Lebanon	UAE
Cyprus	Lithuania	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	USA
Denmark	Macau	
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