

ICSD HIGHLIGHTS

2017 SAMSUN DEAFLYMPICS

The 2nd Chef de Mission Gather in Samsun



On 18-21 February, the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and OC for the 23rd Summer Deaflympics welcomed more than 70 delegates from 34 countries to Samsun, Turkey.

The Technical Directors and the delegates were also given a tour of the Deaflympics sports competition and non-competition venues in both the coastal and mountain cluster areas. The Technical Directors were also involved in the planning. The inspection was diligent and thorough. Over 3-day period, the experts examined each sports facility and directed their questions to OC. We are pleased to say that upon the completion of the inspections, they were satisfied. Preparation for the 23rd Summer Deaflympics are going wonderfully and all facilities will be ready by May 2017.

Throughout the Chef de Mission meeting at Sheraton Grand Hotel, ICSD and Representatives of the OC presented the Master Plan which included information on arrival procedures, visas, accreditations, venues, food services, transportation, health services, security, media, opening and closing ceremonies, medal ceremonies, sport and non-sport activities.

The ICSD President Dr Valery Rukhledev and the General Coordinator, Mr Serkan Baltaci described the Chef de Mission Seminar as the great opportunity for the NDFSs all the important information and updates needed for their preparations for the 23rd Summer Deaflympics.

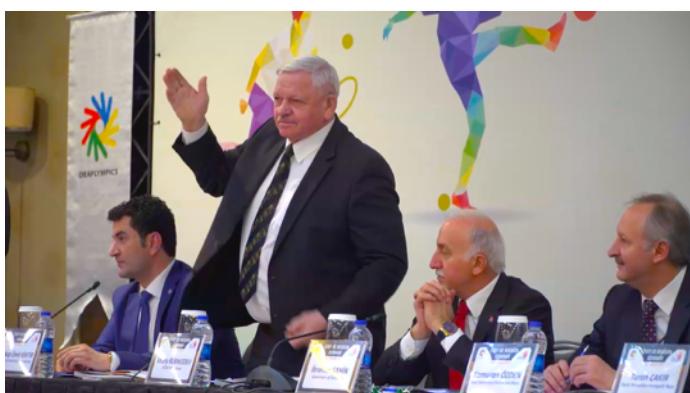
The ICSD President expressed its gratitude to the OC and called it a very successful and practical event before the start of the game.



ICSD ACTIVITIES PRESIDENT

ICSD President Makes an Opening Speech During the Chef de Mission in Samsun

Sheraton Hotel, Samsun - ICSD President Dr Valery Rukhledev: “I am delighted to tell you that I am at the panel with the Governor of Samsun, the General Coordinator of Samsun Deaflympics, and other Esteemed Representatives of the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Turkey. After listening to their presentations, I realised once again that they are doing a fantastic job for the upcoming Deaflympics. Their ultimate goal is to make Deaflympics greater and to raise the awareness of Deaf Sports movement.



Before the Chef de Mission, I had a high-level meeting and was told that the 23rd Summer Deaflympics will be as good as Olympic games in Rio in 2016 and I thanked them graciously for their continuous efforts and commitment.

All of you have visited the sports venues and I believe that you can confirm the readiness for the event.

I recall that the Turkish officials asked the ICSD to relocate the Deaflympics to Samsun from Ankara, the capital of Turkey. They recommended that ICSD thinks thorough and consider the offer to have Deaflympics hosted in Samsun. After long deliberation by the ICSD Executive Board, we eventually agreed with them to relocate the Games to Samsun. And now you all can see that Samsun stadium, where the opening and closing ceremonies will be held, is a more than suitable one. When I visited Samsun for the first time, Turkish representatives pointed out the ground, bare dirt, where the new stadium for the opening and closing ceremony will be built, I was in doubt, due to short timing, about the readiness of a new huge stadium. And then just recently, I saw the stadium which is almost completely done. I went inside the stadium, I am truly impressed by their commitment and the speed of their work in completing the stadium. So huge inside! So, this means that Turkey can build the venues in a timely manner.





Let's congratulate them.

When I asked you earlier to come to Samsun, most of you were afraid and hesitated to come due to the military coup in Turkey last year. Despite the mess and political situations last summer, the officials said they will still go ahead with the hosting of the 23rd Summer Deaflympics. Now as you can see, their work, preparations, handling security matters and many other issues, they are truly prepared for this summer. I really do hope that this 23rd Summer Deaflympics will exceed our expectations more than we hoped for and even more athletes, fans and guests will come. And, the hosting of 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun would not be forgotten for many years and will be an important part of our history. Turkish officials took great interest to ensure that this huge event is truly remarkable and positive event as part of their own history. I believe you all will also remember those times during the 23rd Summer Deaflympics as the memorable one.

In closing, you all explored Samsun, you all can say in your heart how beautiful and safe it is.

Turkey made our heart peaceful! Thank you All!"





Sheraton Grand Samsun Hotel in Samsun

Samsun, Turkey is approved as a capital of 23rd Summer Deaflympics 2017. ICSD is pleased to invite you to attend the 46th ICSD Congress to be held on 16-18 July 2017 in Samsun, Turkey.

The ICSD Workshop & 46th Congress will be held at the Sheraton Grand Samsun Hotel in the days leading up to the 23rd Summer Deaflympics. Location: Liman Mahallesi Ataturk Bulvari No:55, Ilkadim, Samsun, 55100, Turkey



ICSD Workshop - 16 July 2017, 13:00 to 19:00 (1 pm – 7:00 pm)

46th ICSD Congress - 17 July 2017, 09:00 to 18:00 (9 am– 6 pm)
18 July 2017, 09:00 to 17:00 (9 am – 5 pm)



23rd Summer Deaflympics Opening Ceremony – 18 July 2017

23rd Summer Deaflympics Closing Ceremony – 30 July 2017

We will have a half-day workshop in the evening on 16 July 2017 prior to Congress. It is important that everyone attends, as there will be a lot of interesting information to be exchanged.

Deadline date to return the Power of Attorney of delegates back at ICSD Secretariat is 1 May 2017 by email: office@ciss.org with no exceptions!

For hotel accommodation all must contact Organising Committee by email samsun2017deaflympics@outlook.com with copy office@ciss.org

Further details about the 23rd Summer Deaflympics can be found on the Games website: www.deaflympics2017.org

ICSD sincerely hope that you will all find your way to Samsun in July 2017 to actively participate in our ICSD Congress, to meet and interact with friends and colleagues from all over the world and to enjoy Samsun's hospitality.



ICSD TECHNICAL COMMISSION

April 2017

The ICSD Technical Commission is one of the several commissions established by the Executive Board (ICSD Constitution 11.1.10 and Bylaws 61) and consists of five technical directors only. Its primary responsibilities include technical regulations, technical director's handbook, entry forms, world records, and procedures. When a technical director's position becomes vacant, the commission reviews applications and provides recommendations to the Executive Board. The commission also provides guidance and advice to the current volunteer staff of 19 summer and 5 winter technical directors.

In addition, the technical commission oversees multiple relationships that technical directors have with various organisations, such as organising committees, national deaf sports federations, and international sport federations.

The commission members are appointed to serve a four-year term, and its current members are Martin Bogard of Great Britain (Badminton), Tobias Burz of Germany (Tennis), John Knetzger of the USA (Beach Volleyball) and Cathy Schelvis of the Netherlands (Volleyball).

They have been communicating with each other several times per week through email and WhatsApp. They also communicate with the commission's chair, Kang Chen (Vice President of World Sports) and Dmitry Rebrov (ICSD CEO) on a frequent basis, especially on issues that require their immediate attention. Mr Burz hosts the commission's monthly meeting on Skype and represents the technical commission as its main point of contact.

During the Deaflympics or World Championships event, the technical directors are often the most visible representatives of ICSD. Their competency is one of the key contributions to an event's success. To support them, the technical commission designed and hosted a two-day workshop in October 2015 in Samsun, Turkey for technical directors of summer sports while they were in town to perform their site inspection duties.

The commission's next and important task in early 2017 is to discuss technical issues and convert them into a list of amendments for consideration by the Legal Commission and Executive Board prior to the 46th ICSD Congress. The amendments will include proposed changes to the bylaws and technical regulations.



Martin Bogard
(Badminton)



Tobias Burz
(Tennis)



John Knetzger
(Beach Volleyball)



Cathy Schelvis
(Volleyball)

ICSD TECHNICAL DIRECTORS



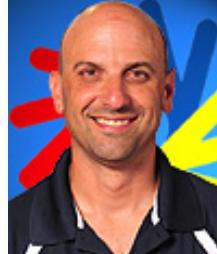
Richard
Pearce
(Athletics)



Jürgen
Endress
(Basketball)



Rainer Kuehn
(Bowling)



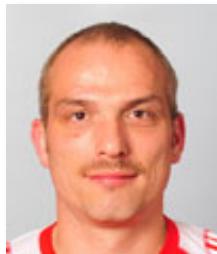
Ralph
Fernandez
(Cycling Road &
Mountain Bike)



Rosario
De Caro
(Football)



Jonathan
Guinta
(Golf)



Norbert
Hensen
(Handball)



Damien
Antoine
(Judo)



Francesco
Faraone
(Karate)



Olga
Dula
(Orienteering)



Mac
Adam
(Shooting)



Reed
Gershwind
(Swimming)



Horst-Peter
Scheffel
(Table Tennis)



Bongkyu
Jeong
(Taekwondo)



Grigor Grigoryan
(Freestyle & Greco
Roman Wrestling)



Dwight A.
Benedict
(Alpine Skiing)



Maarit
Malinen
(Cross Country
Skiing)



Jonathan
Guinta
(Curling)

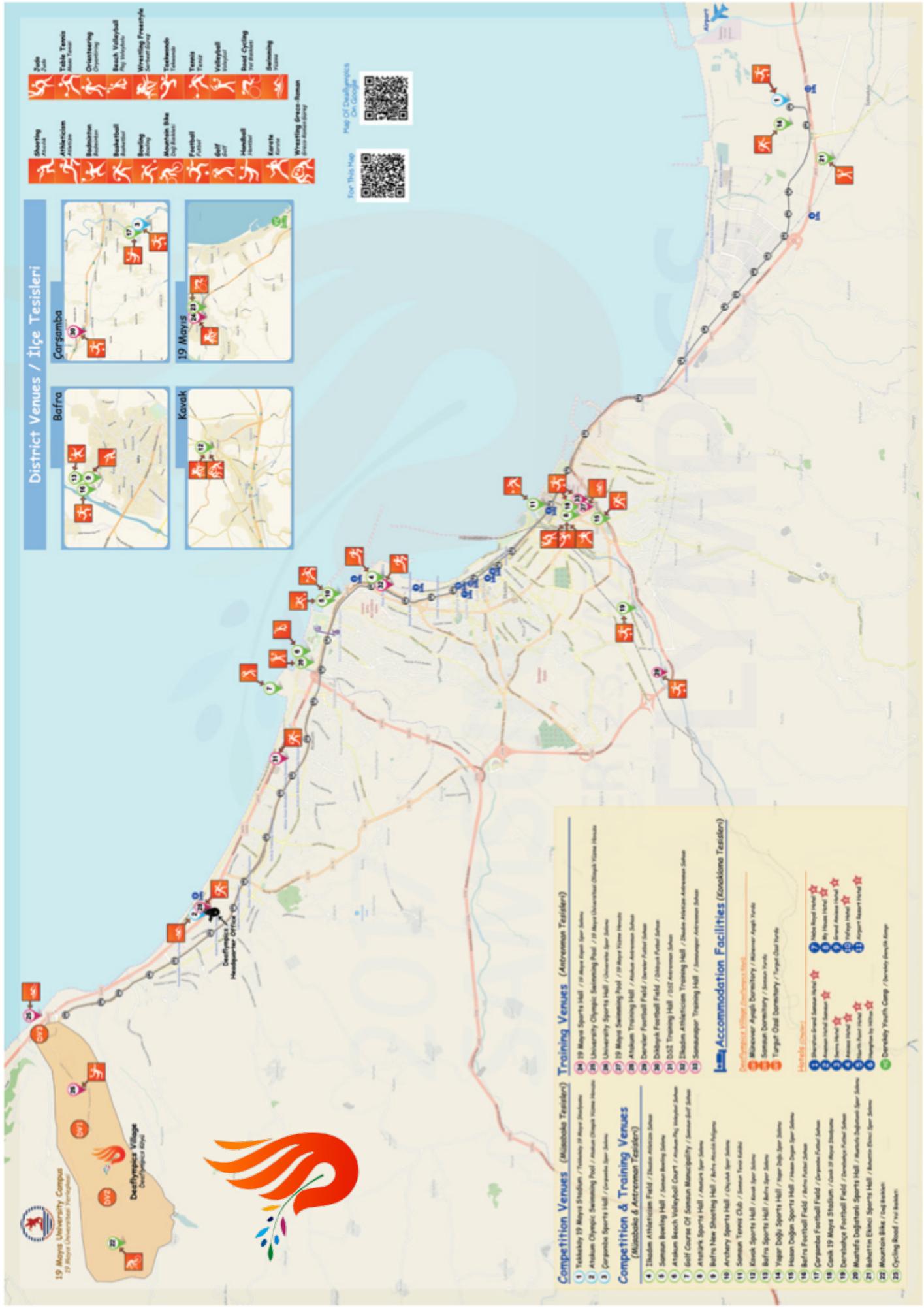


Marco
Galmarini
(Snowboard)



Chris
Bradley
(Ice Hockey)

SAMSUN 2017 SUMMER DEAFOLYMPICS VENUES



2017 SAMSUN DEAFLYMPICS

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be located at Ondokuz Mayis 19 University which is located 20-25 minutes by car/ bus west of Samsun and is known as Village of the Deaflympics. There are three accommodation areas within the university grounds that are 2-5km's from each other. Each accommodation area has a number of blocks with several rooms over several floors, and each block will have its own dining hall for breakfast, lunch and dinner at advertised times, and a cafeteria that is open 24 hours, however cafeteria purchases are at the athlete's cost, whereas the dining hall is included in the \$60USD/ night cost.

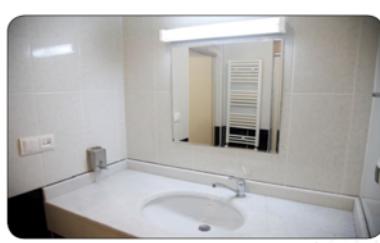


Food options are of a wide variety and you will be able to have breakfast, lunch, dinner of your choosing – lunch can also be ordered and delivered to the venue you are expected to be at but there is a process involved with lunch orders – must be submitted to your team leader by 13:00 (1 pm) the day before.

There are also 24-hour reception services, massage rooms, meeting rooms in each accommodation block that can be utilised during our stay there. The Samsun 2017 Organising Committee (OC) will also provide laundry services for a fee, however, room cleaning is included in the cost and done every 2 days.

There are ice machines in every block for use, however, your team leader needs to liaise with the OC about having baths or something similar installed so that athletes can have ice baths for recovery purposes – the bathrooms at the accommodation are only shower facilities. WiFi is available for free and assurances from the Samsun 2017 Organising Committee have been made to ensure internet speeds are of an acceptable standard for video calls.

Each room at Village of the Deaflympics consists of up to 3 beds, shower, toilet, lockable storage for clothes and small equipment, a bar fridge and a desk and number of chairs. The floors are tiled which is ideal in summer conditions in keeping the room cool, however there is no air-conditioning – the Samsun 2017 Organising Committee are going to investigate supplying each room with fans to keep rooms cool during the day. Broadly, the Village of Deaflympics will have an International area for athletes and officials of all countries mingling together, as well have access to international ATMs, market, recreation and cultural activities and currency exchange offices.



SECURITY

There will be a security presence whilst travelling on Deaflympics transportation – a police escort will accompany all buses and cars ensuring there will not be many traffic jams during travel between Deaflympics and sport venues.

At the Village of the Deaflympics security is a priority. The entrance to the university grounds is manned by security similar to toll booths on a freeway, with boom gates. Within the accommodation blocks, there are CCTV cameras all over the place, as well as a mixture of police and university security patrolling the grounds.

There will also be security personnel on each floor of each accommodation block, and a security office on the ground floor of each accommodation block.



At sport venues, police, private security and military personnel will provide a robust security presence and there will be separate entrances for players and officials, spectators and referees/ umpires at each venue.



TRANSPORTATION

The transportation plan for the Deaflympics will consist mainly of buses to transport athletes and officials between the Village of the Deaflympics and sport venues for training and competition.

The transportation plan also includes airport pick ups and drop offs. With regards to transfers in Istanbul, they will have signage and Deaflympics personnel at Ataturk airport in the international arrivals area directing us to be quickly processed and transferred to the domestic terminal for flight to Samsun – the domestic terminal is a 5 minute walk and at no stage during the transfer you are outside. On arrival at Samsun airport – there will be transportation ready for us to go to the Village of the Deaflympics via the accreditation centre.



Travel to sport venues from Village will be a ring service, with several buses travelling around a designated route stopping at all sport venues in Samsun. For sport venues outside of Samsun, there will be buses travelling between the Village of the Deaflympics and those sport venues.

For team sports, they will be designated their own bus to travel to training and competition venues, to minimise the risk of arriving close to their scheduled training or competition time.



VISA

Visa regime applied towards the citizens of a country may differ according to the country. For further and a detailed information, please visit the following website: www.fa.gov/tr/en



TRAVEL TO SAMSUN

Delegations, athletes and guest who will participate in 23rd Summer Deaflympics will be able to travel to Samsun by airway or highway. The official entry points to Turkey and Samsun are as follows:

Airway	İstanbul Atatürk Airport İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen Airport Ankara Esenboğa Airport Samsun Carsamba Airport (SZF)
Highway	Sarp Border Gate

TRANSPORTATION

All transportation services will be planned and conducted by the Transportation Department of 23rd Summer Deaflympics Samsun 2017. A transportation app, MOOVIT, was used as an official transportation application during the Rio 2016. It is now in use in Samsun, and ready to serve all the participants.





TRAVEL TIMES AND DISTANCES BETWEEN VENUES IN SAMSUN

Distances and travel times between sports venues, more than 20 accommodation zones and Samsun Çarsamba Airport to be used within the scope of the 23rd Summer Deaflympics Samsun 2017 can be found on map.



CALL CENTRE

An official centre of the 23rd Summer Deaflympics will serve to participants, and its number will be announced soon. The call centre will provide a video-call service in Sign Language 24 hours a day between 11 July 2017 and 3 August 2017.

ICSD HQ HOTEL

ICSD Family (Headquarter) hotel will be at Sheraton Grand Samsun Hotel. Accommodations will be all inclusive and health insurance, security, information, transportation etc. services for ICSD members will be provided by OC.

MEDIA HOTELS

Organising Committee agreed with some hotels for accommodations of national and international media members to fix the prices as a support boost the attendance of media members to Deaflympics 2017. The hotel list for the media members are: Hampton Hotel by Hilton (****) and North Point Hotel. For more Information about the prices and reservation codes, please contact at: office@ciss.org.

ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at the Summer Deaflympics and allow them necessary access to perform their roles. All participants in the following categories will be accredited in the Accreditation Centres of Deaflympics 2017.

a) Athletes and Officials Accredited Centre

All participants of each delegation will be accredited in the Accreditation Centre before arriving in the accommodation places. Accreditations of athletes and officials will be made in accordance with ICSD Accreditation Matrix.

b) Media Accreditation Centre

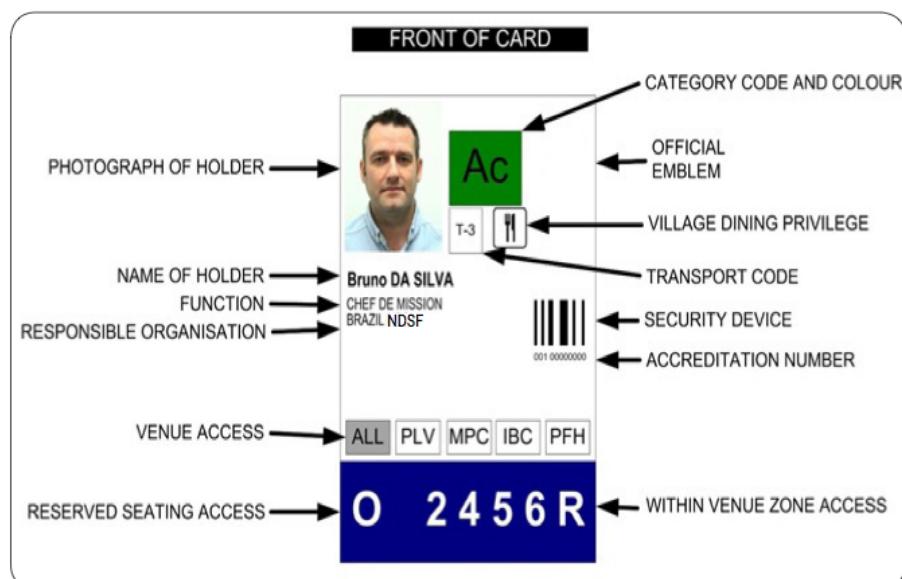
Media Accreditation is managed by the ICSD. Media members who will participate in Samsun 2017 will be accredited in the Main Press Centre in accordance with the ICSD Accreditation Matrix.

c) ICSD Family Accreditation Centre

ICSD Family Accreditation Centre is located in Sheraton Hotel. Accreditation Cards of ICSD Family will be ready before arrive in Turkey. In case of loss and damage, the card will be renewed in the accreditation centre in Sheraton Hotel.

d) Main Accreditation Centre

All staff, volunteer and contractors within Local Organising Committee (LOC) will be accredited in the Main Accreditation Centre. Any official will be accredited in accordance with their field of duty and rights to be determined by LOC.



ICSD and Olympic Channel Sign Landmark Memorandum of Understanding



Lausanne, Switzerland - The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and the Olympic Channel on 1 March 2017 announced that they have signed a MoU with the Olympic Channel to collaborate on content for the global digital platform.

The Deaflympics Games are one of the biggest sports events in the world. Over 5000 athletes are expected to participate in the Summer Deaflympics that takes place in Samsun, Turkey in July 2017.

"The Olympic Channel provides a platform for the promotion of all sports and athletes within the Olympic Movement," said Mark Parkman, General Manager of the Olympic Channel. "We are excited to work together in our collective efforts to help expand the reach of these sports through the creation and distribution of content to audiences worldwide."

ICSD President Dr Valery Rukhledev said: "The MOU with the Olympic Channel will mark a major shift in how the Olympic Movement connects with the Deaf Athletes from all over the world. It was one of the key issues of the recommendation 7 of Olympic Agenda 2020, aiming to strengthen relationships with organisations managing sport for people with different abilities. We have embraced the Olympic Channel and look forward to working with them on all opportunities".



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ICSD and the Olympic Channel will collaborate on sporting event coverage, highlights, news feeds and additional audio-visual or other content in a format or technology, including the one accessible to the Deaf as well as content distribution.

The Olympic Channel, which recently announced the availability of multiple languages on the global digital platform, is currently scheduled to present nearly 500 competitions across nearly 200 events in 2017 in conjunction with its partners.

The Olympic Channel is a multi-platform destination where fans can experience the power of sport and the excitement of the Olympic Games all year round, and is available worldwide via mobile apps for Android and iOS devices and at www.olympicchannel.com.



ICSD ACTIVITIES

WADA's Annual Symposium

Lausanne, Switzerland - The 13th edition of WADA's Annual Symposium, held from 13 to 15 March 2017 at the Swiss Tech Convention Center in Lausanne, once again brought together athletes, International Sport Federations, National and Regional Anti-Doping Organisations, Major Event Organizers, WADA-accredited laboratories and other key stakeholders of the clean sport movement. ICSD Doping Control Officer (DCO), Mr Artem Buerov and Advisor to the ICSD President, Ms Xenia Morfopoulos were attending this event.



ICSD DCO, Mr Artem Buerov and ICSD Advisor to the ICSD President, Ms Xenia Morfopoulos at WADA's Annual Symposium

The symposium focused on the theme 'Tackling our Challenges and Strengthening the Future of Clean Sport'. It included three days of presentations, panel discussions and practical workshops, during which topical subjects such as the future of the fight against doping in sport, World Anti-Doping Code compliance monitoring, the protection of whistleblowers and the integrity of anti-doping processes were covered.

Highlights on Day 1 include a presentation and Q&A session with Professor Richard McLaren, who headed WADA's Independent Investigation; as well as a Roundtable discussion on whistleblowing with WADA's Director of Intelligence and Investigations, Gunter Younger.

Over next two days, ICSD representatives have attended sessions such as Engaging Athletes in a Strong Doping Risk Assessment and Testing Program, Optimising Therapeutic Use Exemption Management.

ICSD Anti-Doping Department work benefited a great deal from WADA Symposium 2017.

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WADA Symposium
13 - 15 March 2017, SwissTech Convention Center, Lausanne, Switzerland





ICSD Doping Control Annual Report 2016

In 2016, the ICSD carried out 88 doping tests in 13 sports. The most tested sports in the ICSD's testing program were Athletics and Martial Arts. The majority of the tested athletes were selected either on the basis of their placing in the competition or drawn randomly. The number of tests increased from the previous year.

ICSD is engaged in regular cooperation with all National Deaf Sports Federations to promote Clean Sport.

ICSD ANTI-DOPING ANNUAL STATISTICS 2016

ICSD SPORTS	URINE TESTING	AAF	ATF	ADRV
ORIENTEERING	6			
BASKETBALL	8			
ATHLETICS	28			1
TAEKWONDO	2		1	
TABLE TENNIS	2			
BEACH VOLLEYBALL	4		1	
VOLLEYBALL	8			
KARATE	2			
JUDO	2		1	
GOLF	3			
FOOTBALL	4			
WRESTLING	15			
SHOOTING	4			
TOTAL	88		3	1



ATF	Atypical Finding	A report from a laboratory or other WADA approved entity which requires further investigation as provided by the International Standard for Laboratories or related Technical Documents prior to the determination of an Adverse Analytical Finding.
ADRV	Anti-Doping Rule Violation	An AAF or ATF, or any other investigation that is not supported by a TUE or where no apparent departure of the applicable International Standards is derived.

ICSD THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE) MANAGEMENT

ICSD SPORTS	APPROVED AND RECOGNISED TUES
SHOOTING	1
MOUNTAIN BIKE	1
TOTAL	2

SANCTIONED ATHLETES ANNOUNCED IN 2016 (ICSD AS RESULT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY)

NAME	COUNTRY	SPORT	EVENT	SUNCTION START DATE	SANCTION	SUBSTANCES(S)
Bodakina Elena	Russia	Athletics	3rd European Junior Athletics Championships	09.12.2016	2 years	Methylhexaneamine

ICSD Sanctions 2016: Anti-Doping Violations

Decision

- 1 The Athlete, Elena Bodakina:
 - is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the 3rd European Deaf Junior Athletics Championships 2016;
 - is disqualified from the event in which she participated upon the occasion of the 3rd European Deaf Junior Athletics Championships 2016;
 - has medals, diplomas withdrawn and is ordered to return same;
 - is disqualified for period of 2 (two) years. Considering the Provisional Suspensions imposed 09 December 2016, the period of Ineligibility will be lifted 08 December 2018.

WORLD DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATES

2017 World Deaf Curling Championships

From 5-12 May 2017, Sochi hosted 3rd World Deaf Curling Championships at the Multifunctional Arena “Ice Cube” in Sochi.

There were 10 men teams from Canada, Japan, Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Switzerland, USA, China and Korea and there were 8 women team from China, Hungary, Russia, Canada, Japan, Poland, Ukraine and Croatia in the competition.



The organisers of the World Curling Championship were the International Committee of Sports of the Deaf (ICSD) and the Russian Committee of Deaf Sports (RCDS).

From March 5 to 10, following the round-robin stage, the results determine which 4 top teams will enter the playoffs.

Based on the Page playoff involving the four teams determined which team will be in the final stage. The final stage took place on March 12.

On men's team, Canada received Gold, Russia received Silver and Japan received Bronze.

On women's team, China received Gold, Russia received Silver and Canada received Bronze.



WORLD DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS



The organisers congratulated the winners and participants of the success.

A bit of history! 1st World Deaf Curling Championships were held in Winnipeg, Canada, 2009 and the 2nd were held in Bern, Switzerland, 2013.



Hosted by
The Russian Committee of Deaf Sports

2017 World Deaf Alpine Skiing and Snowboard Championships

From March 12 to 18, 2nd World Deaf Alpine Skiing and Snowboard Championships took place in Innerkrems, Austria.

A total of 16 athletes from Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Finland, Japan and Russia participated in the snowboard competitions. A total of 36 athletes from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia and Switzerland participated in the Alpine Skiing competitions.

So altogether, 52 athletes participated in the 6 days' competitions demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and making lifelong friendship.



participated in two Winter Deaflympics, 16th Salt Lake, USA and 18th Khanty-Mansiysk/Magnitogorsk, Russia. Elena also participated in the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

In Alpine skiing, Mr Phillip Steiner, Switzerland, and Ms Elena Yakovishina, Russia won three medals each, more than all the athletes in the competition.

On the last day of the competition, Mr Philip Steiner, 30-year old, from Switzerland and a Deaflympian announced his retirement from Alpine Skiing, wearing a retro-style ski suit, wooden skis, and vintage boots. He bid farewell to his fans and athletes for the very last time. Mr Philip Steiner

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Austrian Deaf Sports Federation thanked the OC for its commitment in organising the 2nd WDASSC.



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The Austrian Deaf Sports Association



SHARED NEWS

The First International Deaf Sambo Tournament

3-5 February 2017, Zelenograd, Russia - The First International Deaf Tournament was held at "Record" sport school outside of Moscow city in Zelenograd.



The tournament was held under the auspices of the International Sambo Federation (FIAS) and under the patronage of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).

Athletes from 8 countries, Armenia, Belarus, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia and Ukraine competed for the medals.

Per the results, Russia was the front runner from day one and they proved

it by winning the first place with 10 victories, second - Belarus, and third - Kyrgyzstan. On the eve of the tournament, Alexander Lomakin and Nikita Ivanov, the members of FIAS group, demonstrated the master class show how to use the features of technical actions in Sambo.

During the tournament, the athletes played sets of medals in seven men's and seven women's weight categories.

The winners of the competition were the Russians: Natalia Egoricheva (weight category up to 48kg), Ekaterina Sazonova (up to 52kg), Svetlana Kryukova (56kg), Inna Stringalyuck (up to 64kg), Anna Tkachenko (up to 68kg), Mila Slepysheva (up to 72kg), Anastasiya Talanova (over 72kg), Evgeny Utushev (up to 74kg), Sergey Tsyrenzhapov (up to 82kg) and Rotislav Berk (to 90kg).





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In other weight categories, the first places were taken by Marsbek Atabekov (up to 57kg), Ilgiz Kanalbek Uulu (over 90kg, both Kyrgyzstan), Aleandro Tristano (up to 62kg, Italy), Munkh-orgil Bedamsambuu (up to 68kg, Mongolia).



ICSD President Dr Valery Rukhledev
in the opening ceremony

In the opening ceremony, ICSD Dr President Valery Rukhledev has addressed to participants with welcoming speech: "Dear friends, I am pleased to welcome you all to the First International Deaf Tournament. This is a new and interesting sport. I am doubly pleased that the First International deaf Sambo Tournament was held in Russia – the home of Sambo. Today the tournament involves 8 countries, the next tournament will attract more participants.... I wish the participants of brilliant victories and return home without injuries..."

The winners of the tournament were awarded medals, diplomas, and souvenirs.



INTERVIEW

2016 Best Sportswoman Award Finalist - Nele Alder-Baerens

Born 1 April 1978, Nele Alder-Baerens of Germany earned several medals in the following long distance running events:

- German Champion 2016 with 03:20:33 at the German Championship (50km) in Berlin (GER) on 05 March 2016
- German Champion with a new German Record 2016 with 82,998 km at the Sri Chinmoy 6h-Run + German Championship 2016 in Nuremberg (GER) on 02 April 2016
- World Champion with a new World Record of 02:59:03 at the World Deaf Championship in Stara Zagora (BUL) on 26 July 2016;
- German Champion with 07:29:04 at the German Championship (100km) in Leipzig (GER) on 20 August 2016.

- In 2016, ICSD chose you as one of the best Deaflympian athletes of the year. Are you still actively participating and training in your chosen sport?

Yes, I am. In the past, I run track races from 400m up to 10.000m. Since 2013, I switched to the marathon and ultramarathon distance and participated in hearing national and international competitions. I am a member of the ultra-national team Germany.



- What do you anticipate will happen at the 23rd Deaflympics in Samsun?

I am looking forward to see the country Turkey especially Samsun in spite of the intricate political situation. I am glad to be a member of the German national team and be allowed to participate on the Deaflympics. I hope to meet again formerly known sportsmen and sportswomen and to enjoy the opening / closing ceremony. Further, I hope to run a good race and reach my actual performance.

- Do you have any concerns with going to Samsun?

A little bit, yes, but I am sure, that all organisers will do their best to guarantee safety and avert risk and troubles.

- ICSD and Organising Committee have been diligently working hard to make the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun a reality, what are your thoughts on this?



- It is my big respect and compliment to ICSD and local organisations to manage such a huge event with lot of venues, people, competitions in many sports and additionally try to guarantee our safety. Many thanks for that.

- *Besides sports, what are your other interests?*

I love to backpacking in the nature (especially Norway) and carrying only the absolute necessary survival items. I am also a bookworm.

- *For the 23rd Summer Deaflympics, what is your message to all the athletes and participating that will be going?*

Feel the union and the commonality during the Deaflympics. We are not rivals but friends. Compete clean and fair. Let's show a positive message with the sport: We all are human beings, independent of religion, nationality, deaf and disability. We need each other and have no resources to fight against each other.



INTERVIEW

2016 Best Sportsman Award Finalist - Mykola Nosenko

Mykola Nosenko, 27 years old, Kyiv region, Ukraine. Participated in the National team of Ukraine since 2004.

Deaflympics 2009 – Silver in 4x100m, World Championship 2012 - Gold in 100m, 200m, relay race 4x100m, Deaflympics 2013 - Gold in 100 m, 200 m, relay race 4x100m, World Championship 2016 in - Gold in 100m, 200m, and relay race 4x100m.

- In 2016, ICSD chose you as one of the best Deaflympian athletes of the year. Are you still actively participating and training in your chosen sport?

Every athlete trains to take part in the competition. Fear of competition and competitors is unprofessional. Summer Deaflympics is the main event every 4 years, I believe that any deaf athlete that wants to take part in the Deaflympics games should focus on achieving their best.

- What do you anticipate will happen at the 23rd Deaflympics in Samsun?



The 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun, of course, I am expecting the good starts and victories. Traditionally strong sprinters are from the USA. We can also expect the same results from Japan and Russia. We also need to improve the situation with the doping control and audiograms, which is influenced by the deaf sport and undermines confidence in the integrity of the competition.

- Do you have any concerns with going to Samsun?

According to information from the Samsun 2017 Organising Committee and from officials Deaflympics movement - preparing sports facilities, as well as the organisation itself to conduct Deaflympics is in full swing and expectation of the Deaflympics will be held in Samsun at the highest level.



- ICSD and Organising Committee have been diligently working hard to make the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun a reality, what are your thoughts on this?

Deaflympics - the pinnacle of the sport among the deaf. The fluctuations of the interest in the sport of the deaf is normal. And to increase interest in the sport of the deaf is necessary to increase the number of spectacular international competitions, to world cups in different sports, World League, Champions League and similar competitions are held among hearing athletes.

- Besides sports, what are your other interests?

Currently, my professional employment focuses on sports so my interests are not as wide. But I do love a quick drive away, not to speed because of the rules on the road everywhere and the rules has not been cancelled.

- For the 23rd Summer Deaflympics, what is your message to all the athletes and participating that will be going?

Peace and harmony to all, and especially in my country, Ukraine. Athletes want to demonstrate their strength and skills to achieve their best results. The fans want the Deaflympics to be a memorable one. To all the participants of Deaflympics, I wish you success and with a positive attitude.



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