

# ICSD HIGHLIGHTS

## ICSD ACTIVITIES PRESIDENT



### ICSD President at SportAccord Convention 2016



Lausanne, Switzerland - It was a busy week for the ICSD President and his team in Lausanne during the week of 17-22 April 2016 for six days of meetings, and high-level networking. The SportAccord Convention included City Forum, LawAccord and MediaAccord, as well as a Plenary Conference.

The exhibition was represented by various industries, sports organisations, and government offices, hosting cities, event services and media. The ICSD relocated its headquarters in Lausanne, the Olympic capital of the world, last October of 2015 and officially opened in March 2016. It is now in the prestigious Maison du Sport International, which is a home to over fifty International Sports Federations and organisations, all together, an Olympic Family.

The IOC President Thomas Bach and President of ASOIF and SportAccord Convention, Francesco Ricci Bitti, addressed the participants of SportAccord.

“Let us address all these challenges we are facing in the world of sport today. Let us address them together under the motto you have here in one of your conference programmes: We are all in it together.” - by IOC President Thomas Bach in his speech at the Opening Ceremony.

Francesco Ricci Bitti, the President of SportAccord Convention, welcomed delegates from around the world, encouraging “open dialogue” about sport’s mission in the world. At the SportAccord General Assembly, Patrick Baumann, member of IOC, has been elected as the President of SportAccord for the next 4 years. Bauman acknowledges his challenge in “trying to build an atmosphere where people are not thinking only of the division but what can bring us all together”. He also added SportAccord can serve as “the voice of sport”.

The 2017 SportAccord Convention will take place in Aarhus in Denmark, it was announced by President Francesco Ricci Bitti in his speech at the Opening Ceremony.



*SportAccord Convention 2016*



*Mr. Sergei Bubka, IOC member (left) and ICSD President  
Dr. Valery Rukhledev (right)*

## ICSD President Dr. V. Rukhledev attended Stone Laying Ceremony at the site of AISTS's new headquarters

Lausanne, Switzerland - 20 April 2016. ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev participated in a Stone Laying Ceremony at the Synathlon building in Lausanne, which will become the future centre of International sport education and research in Switzerland.

The Synathlon building will unite four separate and complimentary organisations: FISU, ThinkSport, the Institute of Sports Science of the University of Lausanne (ISSUL) and the International Academy for Sports Science and Technology (AISTS).



*Stone Laying Ceremony at the site of AISTS's new headquarters*

At the Stone Laying Ceremony FISU President Oleg Matytsin delivered a short speech in which he outlines the purpose of the Synathlon building and praised the project's key stakeholders.

"This building will unite education, university sport and sport science and technology under one roof. In this way, it is more than just a building; it is a monument to the idea that athletes should always be able to pursue 'dual careers'. The Synathlon will help athletes pursue sporting and intellectual goals side-by-side in an environment that promotes fair play, ethics and good governance", President FISU Matytsin said.

The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2017



*(Photo left) FISU President Oleg Matytsin delivered a short speech in which he outlines the purpose of the Synathlon building. (Photo right) FISU President Oleg Matytsin and ICSD President Dr Valery Rukhledev at site of AISTS's new headquarters*

## Working meetings of the ICSD during the SportAccord Convention

Lausanne, Switzerland - 21 April 2016. The ICSD President held a working meeting with Mr. Chungwon Choue, President of World Taekwondo Federation (WTF), where discussions were held about developing the sport of taekwondo for deaf athletes. WTF would provide ICSD with the best possible assistance. The WTF would assist in the promotion of taekwondo as a sport to the deaf by marketing ICSD Taekwondo events to their 206 national federations through the same national federation. They will ensure that correct WTF approved equipment would be available for ICSD Taekwondo competitions. All deaf athletes will be registered with a WTF Licence and all registrations for ICSD Taekwondo events will be made through the WTF Global Membership System (GMS). The upcoming World Deaf Martial Arts Championship and the taekwondo competitions will be recognised by the WTF as the 2016 1st World Deaf Martial Arts Championship



*Mr. Chungwon Choue, President of World Taekwondo Federation (WTF)*



*Mr. Vasily Shestakov, President of International Sambo Federation (ISF)*

The drafts of working memoranda were discussed between Mr. Vasily Shestakov, President of International Sambo Federation, as well as with Mr. Jao Silva of International Jiu Jitsu Federation.



*Mr. Joël Bouzou, President of Peace and Sport Federation*



*Mr. Jao Silva, International Jiu Jitsu*

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# WHERE SPORT MEETS - SportAccord Convention

Lausanne, Switzerland  
17-22 April 2016

## ICSD President Dr. Valery Rukhledev presented with the LCCF Edward Miner Gallaudet Award at Gallaudet University

Washington, D.C., USA - 9 April 2016. On his recent trip to the USA, Dr. Valery Rukhledev, the President of the International Committee of the Sports for the Deaf was presented with the LCCG Edward Miner Gallaudet Award for the “Cultural Advancement of the Deaf Community” for his significant contribution into the Cultural advancement of the Deaf Community, including Education and Enlightenment; outstanding input into the United Nations's Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD), endless civil rights advocacy of the Deaf, and strengthening of the relationship between the ICSD and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), as well as the development of the Worldwide Deaf Sports Movement.



This award ceremony took place at the 47th Charter Day Brunch and Awards Program on the 9th of April 2016 at the Peikoff Alumni House.



To learn more about this honorable ceremony, go to: <http://alumni2.gallaudet.edu/enews.asp?id=21527>

The Deaf community worldwide congratulates Dr. Valery Rukhledev on this honorary award and wishes him the best of success in his noble mission.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Gallaudet University is the world's only university designed to be barrier-free for deaf and hard of hearing students. For more than 150 years, Gallaudet University has left advances in education of deaf and hard of hearing students and deaf rights worldwide.*

*For more information about Gallaudet, go to: [www.gallaudet.edu](http://www.gallaudet.edu)*



## **Dr. Valery Rukhledev (Russian Federation) has been elected as the member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the United Nations**

New York, 14 June 2016 - Nine new members were elected to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during the 9th session of the conference of states that are parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. They will serve on the committee from 2017 through 2020.

The committee is an expert body that monitors the compliance of the signatory states' obligations to this international treaty.

Himself deaf, Dr. Valery Rukhledev, the Russian delegate and President of the public organisation, All-Russian Society of the Deaf, has been elected to the committee for the first time. Dr. Valery Rukhledev gained 89 out of 119 votes "for" his membership. This is an indication that the international community supports Russia's efforts in protecting the rights of persons with disabilities and its work in this area at the UN. Moreover, this serves to recognise the professionalism of Dr. Valery Rukhledev and his contribution to promoting the interests of persons with disabilities internationally.



# *The UNITED NATIONS*

New York City - USA



*At the United Nations*

Apart from the expert from Russia, representatives from Hungary, Kenya, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, and Japan were elected to the committee.

Dr. Valery Rukhledev, President of the public organisation, "All-Russian Society of the Deaf" (ARSD), said his organisation works closely with governments, including the Ministry of Labor of the Russian Federation, which ensures that the needs and rights of disabled people, in general, are addressed in a real world. To realize the rights of the deaf in the Russian Federation, he said, more than thirty federal laws were changed.

One such ongoing project is devoted to systematic television programs subtitling. The lack of information is the main obstacle which people with disabilities face, he has said. Often they know nothing of governmental and technological advanced programs to facilitate their life. He also reported about the new law that requires that Russian police have mastered the basics of sign language.

Dr. Valery Rukhledev is also the member of the Russian Federation Presidential Counsel on the Persons with Disabilities, the President of the International Committee of the Sports for the Deaf and the member of the "Sport and Active Society" Commission of the International Olympic Committee.

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf congratulates Dr. Valery Rukhledev with this remarkable achievement!



## ICSD ACTIVITIES

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON OLYMPIC DAY

*June 23 of 2016*

Dear Friends,

As the member of the Sport and Active Society Commission of the International Olympic Committee, it is my pleasure to wish you all **HAPPY OLYMPIC DAY!**

The three pillars of Olympic Day are move, learn and discover. Through these messages, International Olympic Committee, National Olympic Committees and International and National Federations around the world are promoting the benefits of physical exercise, inspiring people to get active and enabling them to discover new sports while embracing the Olympic ideals regardless of ability or background. Millions of people will be moving, shaking, jumping and sweating during the month of June.

***GET UP, GET MOVING, AND JOIN THE MOVEMENT IN GETTING ACTIVE FOR THE OLYMPIC DAY!***

Check out: [olympicdaycontest.olympic.org](http://olympicdaycontest.olympic.org) to see how the rest of the world is joining in the fun. Get off that couch, and show us what you are doing by posting photos or videos of yourself in action using the Olympic Day. You may even be in with a chance to win some cool goodies!

Dr. Valery Rukhledev, ICSD President



## IOC HIGHLIGHTS

### OLYMPIC CHANNEL REACHES LANDMARK AGREEMENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

#### Significant progress made with 2016 launch date to be confirmed in coming weeks

Olympic Channel Services (OCS) today announced that it has to date reached cooperation agreements with 27 International Sports Federations (IFs) to collaborate on content for the Olympic Channel, marking another significant step on progress toward launch.



IOC President Thomas Bach, who recently chaired a joint Olympic Channel Board of Directors meeting at the newly inaugurated OCS facilities in Madrid, said: “The Olympic Channel will mark a major shift in how the Olympic Movement connects with young people all year round. The International Federations have embraced the Olympic Channel and we look forward to working with them on the exciting programming and promotional opportunities. The newly formed Olympic Channel team is making steady progress, with the emphasis on ensuring the product is right and the quality of the programming matches our ambition. We look forward to announcing the 2016 launch date in the coming weeks.”

Mark Parkman, General Manager of Olympic Channel Services, said: “Preparations for the launch of the Olympic Channel are on course and the announcement of these cooperation agreements with our IF partners is another important step forward. We expect to make further announcements regarding collaborations with other IFs and stakeholders in the near future. Content production has begun, the technology and platforms are being tested, and there is a growing sense of energy and excitement here among the Olympic Channel team as we prepare for launch this year.”

The creation of an Olympic Channel was one of the key recommendations of Olympic Agenda 2020, aiming to provide a new way to engage young people and core fans in the Olympic Movement, while also promoting the Olympic values on a consistent basis.

The Channel will broadcast live sports events, news and athlete stories, as well as historical Olympic footage and official films from the IOC's archives. There will also be a focus on educational and youth-oriented programming, sustainability, sports science and nutrition, and promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

The Olympic Channel Services team now consists of more than 60 full time employees, representing 20 different nationalities. The Olympic Channel team is composed of experienced broadcast professionals and innovative content-producers working out of two main bases of operation. The commercial and distribution departments are located at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, and the technical and production units operate out of Madrid, Spain. The facility to house the Olympic Channel in Madrid is now complete and the OCS production team has begun working with leading production companies from around the world.



The Olympic Channel collaborations aim to complement the International Federations' current broadcast and distribution arrangements. The Olympic Channel team is currently working with the IFs to create innovative partnerships, including live event coverage, highlights, magazine shows, news coverage and original programming.

The IFs with whom OCS has concluded agreements include:

- Badminton World Federation (BWF)
- International Basketball Federation (FIBA)
- International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF)

- International Boxing Association (AIBA)
- International Canoe Federation (ICF)
- International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI)
- International Fencing Federation (FIE)
- International Golf Federation (IGF)
- International Gymnastic Federation (FIG)
- International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)
- International Judo Federation (IJF)
- International Modern Pentathlon Union (UIPM)
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)
- International Ski Federation (FIS)
- International Swimming Federation (FINA)
- International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)
- International Tennis Federation (ITF)
- International Triathlon Union (ITU)
- International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)
- United World Wrestling (UWW)
- World Archery Federation (WA)
- World Curling Federation (WCF)
- World Rowing Federation (FISA)
- World Rugby (WR)
- World Sailing (WS)
- World Taekwondo Federation (WTF)

In addition to on-going discussions with other IFs, the Olympic Channel Services team is working to build and strengthen collaborations, including with athletes, National Olympic Committees, Rights-Holding Broadcasters (RHBs), Worldwide TOP Partners, Organising Committees for the Olympic Games, candidate cities, recognised sports organisations, as well as with major digital and social media platforms.

ICSD is in the process in discussing with the Olympic Channel for bilateral cooperation and plans to broadcast our deaf sports events, news and athlete stories on their channel. ICSD is more than happy to embrace and move forward to work with the newly formed Olympic Channel team on the exciting programming and promotional opportunities.



## ABOUT THE OLYMPIC CHANNEL

*The Olympic Channel is a digital-first, multi-platform global Olympic media entity, which aims to broadcast the Olympic Movement and its inherent values all year round, especially in the periods between the Olympic Games.*

*The primary objectives of the Olympic Channel are the following:*

- *Provide a platform for the continuous exposure of Olympic sports and athletes beyond the Olympic Games period and help create anticipation while providing opportunities to "re-live the experience" after the Games*
- *Continuously highlight the relevance of the Olympic Movement's ideals to the challenges of today's world*

*Provide a platform for sharing the IOC's very rich patrimonial assets and archives with the world and create additional value and content for the IOC archives*

- *As a matter of priority, engage the young generations around the world using methods that are relevant to them, building understanding, entertainment and education.*

*At launch, the Olympic Channel will be a digital platform, with on-demand content available across the web, mobile, tablet and other connected devices where fans can experience the power of sport and Olympism 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. Audiences will also be able to access content and engage through a variety of social media platforms as part of the Olympic Channel network.*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ICSD WORLD DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS

19 June - 2 July 2016 - World Deaf Football Championships - **Capaccio, Salerno, Italy (ITA)**



24 June - 3 July 2016 - World Deaf Athletics Championships - **Stara Zagora, Bulgaria (BUL)**



5 July - 16 July 2016 - World Deaf Volleyball Championships - **Washington, DC, United States (USA)**



18 July - 24 July 2016 - World Beach Volleyball Championships - **Samsun, Turkey (TUR)**



18 July - 24 July 2016 - World Deaf Martial Arts Championships - **Samsun, Turkey (TUR)**



18 July - 24 July 2016 - World Deaf Table Tennis Championships - **Samsun, Turkey (TUR)**



22 July - 29 July 2016 - World Deaf Golf Championships - **Copenhagen, Denmark (DEN)**



## UPCOMING GAMES in 2017

18 JULY - 30 JULY 2017

**23rd SUMMER DEAFLYMPICS** - Samsun, Turkey



## STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF TURKISH REPUBLIC



Ankara, ... June 2016

Dear Mr. President,

We regret to see that terrorism manifests itself as a common problem of all countries in today's world and shows its anti-human face to us every day. As the terrorist attacks have recently occurred in the cities like Paris and Brussels, the same traffic events have taken place in Ankara and Istanbul. We still deeply feel the pain of inhuman attacks, unfortunately, occurred lately in Tokyo, Moscow, New York, Madrid, Copenhagen and many other cities. Within the international context all civilised countries need to collaborate to fight terrorism in the international context. One of the primary aims of terrorist attacks is to interrupt life with terrifying attacks.

Therefore, we need to be in solidarity and prevent such attacks to deliver its desired purpose. Accordingly, World Deaf Martial Arts Championships, World Deaf Beach Volleyball Championships and World Deaf Table Tennis Championships which is planned to be held in Samsun on 19-25 July 2016 need to be assessed in this context. The Republic of Turkey is able to deal with terrorist groups and can protect athletes, coaches and executives who are invited for an international event.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that hundreds of international organisations have been held safely and successfully in our country over the past decade.

We hosted 72 international organisations in different branches in 2015 and more than 20 international organisations have already been held safely and successfully without facing any problems in 2016. In addition, two international organisations will be held on 1-3 July 2016 in our country. We have taken all measures in order to hold World Championships successfully in Samsun and ensure the participants to enjoy the event. We would be glad to welcome You, the participant athletes, delegations and other guests from all countries to light the torch of friendship and peace once again.

As the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey, I would like to emphasise that the safety and responsibility of all athletes, delegations and other guests are under the guarantee of the Government of the Republic of Turkey.

With my best regards,



Akif Çağatay KILIÇ  
Minister

Mr. Valery Nikitich RUKHLEDEV  
President of International Committee of Sports for the Deaf

## ICSD MEDIA

### Share Your News with the World

The part you play in making the news is very important. Whether it is breaking news, your regional and national deaf sport events, and/or a featured item, your contribution can make a difference. Share your sport events and news with other deaf people around world.

Please send your deaf sports news, video, photos, stories to Mr. Slava Klimov by email [media@ciss.org](mailto:media@ciss.org)

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