



Comité International des Sports des Sourds
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To: CISS Full Members

From: Donalda K. Ammons
Secretary General

RE: **Recognition of CISS & Deaflympics by IOC and IPC**

In response to numerous concerns expressed by CISS members about the disabled sport movement that has hampered the progress of deaf sports in different countries, CISS was able to set up meetings with Mr. Gilbert Felli, IOC Sport Director and Mr. Philip Craven, President of International Paralympic Committee.

It is with great pleasure to inform you that CISS has recently received two very important documents from IOC and IPC acknowledging the bona-fide status of CISS and Deaflympics.

Both IOC and IPC have sent these letters to their members for clear and better understanding of the nature and scope of CISS and Deaflympics. IOC and IPC fully recognize and respect our independence.

The documents are attached for your use whenever you need during your meetings with your national Olympic committee, national Paralympic committee or any other governing bodies in your country.

Again, we thank you for your continued support and faith in CISS.

15th Deaf World Winter Games, Sundsvall 2003
20th Deaf World Summer Games, Melbourne 2005



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Rappel

Il semble qu'il y ait toujours une certaine confusion en ce qui concerne le statut international des sports des sourds.

Par la présents, nous tenons à vous rappeler que, sur le plan international, le Comité International des Sports des Sourds (CISS) a un statut indépendant et ne fait pas partie du Comité International Paralympique (IPC). Cette indépendance a été souhaitée et admise par toutes les parties concernées (CIO, IPC et CISS) au début de l'année 1996, compte tenu de la spécificité de ce handicap.

Nous souhaitons que cette information soit transmise à toutes les personnes ayant à faire au sport pour handicapés dans votre pays, CNO, gouvernement ou FI.

Avec nos remerciements et nos salutations distinguées

Gilbert Felli
Directeur sportif du CIO

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Reminder

It seems that there is still some confusion surrounding the international status of sport for the deaf.

The present note is a reminder that, on an international level, the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (CISS) is independent, and is not a part of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). This independence was sought and accepted by all the parties concerned (IOC, IPC and CISS) at the beginning of 1996, taking into account the specific nature of this disability.

We should like this information to be passed on to everyone involved with disabled sport in your country, NOC, government or IF.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Gilbert Felli
IOC Sports Director



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Bonn, 15 October 2002
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Actions arising from CISS – IPC Meeting

Dear John,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your team last week and I really enjoyed the productive discussions.

I would like to take this opportunity to summarize the actions from that meeting as follows:

1. The IPC will send a letter to all its member organisations recognising CISS as the sole international organisation responsible for deaf sport.
2. The IPC and CISS will develop a new agreement of co-operation.
3. The IPC and CISS will explore the creation of an annual forum to discuss issues and share information. This forum may include other similar organisations such as Special Olympics International and the IOC. In this context the IPC is not supportive of the proposal of an IOC Disability in Sport Commission.
4. The IPC and CISS will work together in clarifying the individual national situations related to CISS membership.

Again, may I say what a pleasure it was to meet you and the rest of your team.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Craven
President

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To all National Paralympic Committees

Bonn, 18 October 2002
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International Committee of Sports for the Deaf - CISS

Dear NPC President/Secretary General,

On 9 October I had the opportunity to meet with John Lovett, CISS President, and other members of his Executive Committee. In this meeting, it was brought to my attention that there is still some confusion with regard to the international status of sport for the deaf.

This letter is a reminder that, on an international level, the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (CISS) is independent and not part of the International Paralympic Committee. This independence was accepted by all parties concerned (IOC, IPC and CISS) at the beginning of 1998, taking into account the specific nature of this disability.

For that reason for all matters related to sports for the deaf, CISS is the governing body.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Craven
President