



International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation

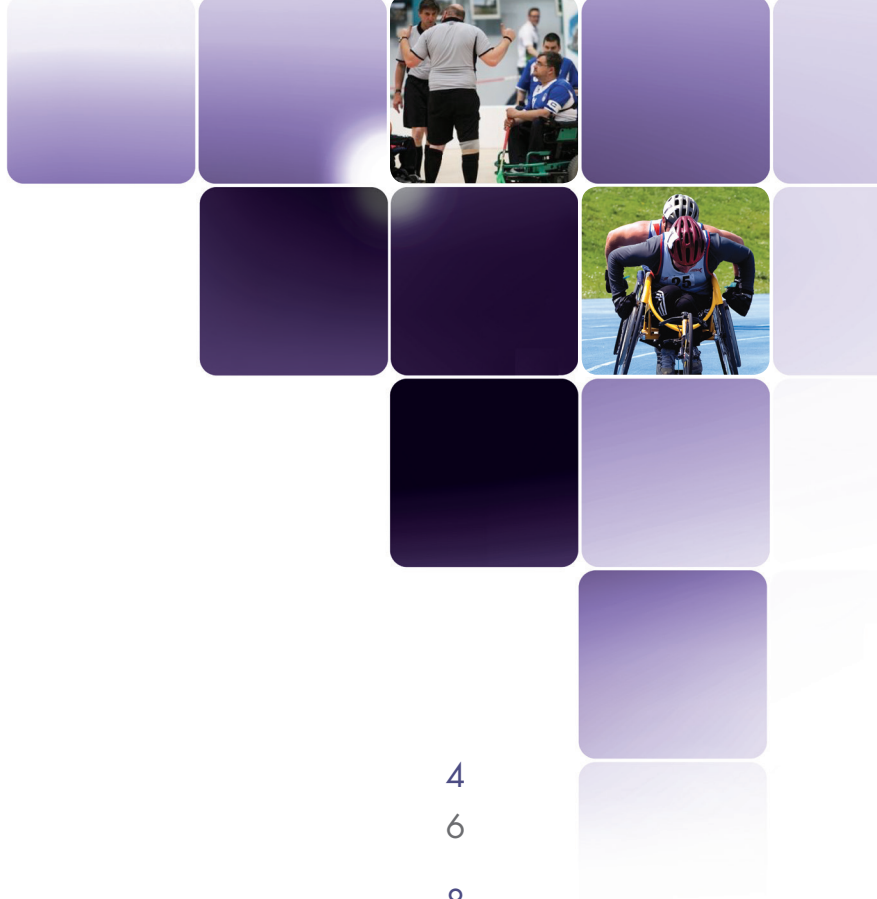
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From the president



As stated in my last report, a succession strategy was put in place as for the planned retirement of Maura Strange as Executive Director completing her many years of service as a volunteer and valued member of the IWAS staff in December 2012.

An Executive Management Committee consisting of the president, Honorary Treasurer Bob Paterson, and Vice President Karl Vilhelm Neilson conferences at least monthly via Skype call with headquarters staff, executive board members and consultants, as necessary, to furnish executive oversight. Charmaine Hooper, who had been serving as the Head of Operations was promoted to the position of Chief Operating Officer with the responsibility to oversee all operations at our Stoke Mandeville Head Quarters. The president took on the role of Chief Executive Officer. Karl Vilhelm Neilson was also appointed to serve as Secretary General. Maura Strange has agreed to serve as Honorary Advisor to the President for special projects. This will be the organisation of our Federation until the new Executive Board is elected and the General Assembly in 2013.

As part of the IWAS mission we continue to promote and ensure that we have a full and active calendar of sporting opportunities for our athletes. Our multi-sport competition program continues under the able direction of our Games Committee Chair and Executive Board member Dina Sotiriadi.

You will see in a following report that Wheelchair Fencing, under the leadership of Alberto Martinez Vassallo, Fencing Chairman, has yet again had a full and busy year and continues to maintain a good relationship with the Federation Internationale D'Escribe (FIE), the International Federation for Fencing. Similarly this annual report shows that Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EWH), IWAS newest full sport section, under the leadership of its chairman, John Teunissen has continued to grow and to provide competition opportunities for the severely disabled athletes.

At the request of several of its member nations following the exhibition match of Amputee Football at the IWAS World Games in Sharjah UAE, IWAS began discussions with the World Amputee Football Federation (WAFF) leadership to determine if IWAS could assist them to strengthen and develop the sport with the possibility of gaining the status of a discipline in the Paralympic Games in 2020 or beyond. The situation has been seen as a parallel to the way IWAS helped Wheelchair Rugby to grow from an exhibition sport to a competitive and independently governed sport, leading finally to Paralympic status.

During the year IWAS has continued its collaboration with CPISRA with a working group lead by Executive Committee members Karl Vilhelm Neilson and Pieter Badenhorst. Since 2011 athletes with cerebral palsy have begun competing at both the IWAS World Games and IWAS Junior Games including the plan to include the non-Paralympic CP sport of Race Running in the IWAS 2013 Games program.

The IWAS 2012 Junior World Championship in Athletics was hosted by the Atletický Klub Olomouc, Czech Republic. It was an excellent event for the 12 nations and the 128 young athletes who took part. We are very proud of and thank the Local Organising Committee and the IWAS Team that assisted in making this a great competition and learning experience for these athletes with a future.

In April I visited the headquarters staff in preparation for the Executive Committee meeting hosted in Moscow by the IWAS Russian national member, Federation of Physical Culture and Sport for Persons with Physical Disabilities of Russia April 25 – 28. At this session the EB spent two days focusing on the preparation of a strategic plan for 2012 to 2016. We chose Steve Griffiths, Head of Technical Services for the International Rugby Board, an experienced facilitator to lead the IWAS Team through the exercise. While the Strategic Plan will be covered in detail late in this report, there are a few items that should be emphasized here. First, our Mission was established clearly as IWAS, a founder member of the Paralympic movement which has the mission to develop sporting opportunities for athletes to maximise their potential. Second, our Values were stated as:

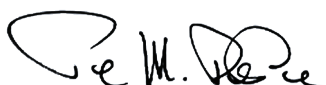
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Third, our Strategic Goals are now stated as

- Sustain a high quality Games programme and increase participation
- Develop sustainable financial resources
- Expand membership base and provide high quality services
- Provide leadership and good governance
- Provide development opportunities for sports and those involved in sports
- Promote the ethos, values and services of IWAS
- Establish partnership relationships

2012 was of course a Paralympic year bringing the games home to the United Kingdom. It was an honour to represent IWAS, at the Paralympic Torch Lighting Ceremony on the 28th August in Stoke Mandeville, the site of the origin of the Movement and our organisation. The August 29 Opening Ceremony of the London Paralympics and the Games themselves were spectacular and among the best ever. It was especially gratifying to see the great performances of athletes who had their start and growth at the IWAS Junior and World Games.

IWAS continues to be a dynamic Federation focused on the objective of maximising sport opportunities for athletes to compete, learn and develop their skills 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

Presentation of Reports

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:

- Annual Financial Report on the Charity's Accounts independently examined and reported on 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 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 IWAS General Assembly is held every 2 (two) years in un-even years. The Executive Board is elected/appointed every 4 (four) years and this is in the year following the Paralympic Games. The next elections therefore will be held in 2013.

The Federation's 2 yearly General Assembly was held in Sharjah, UAE in December 2011. The Secretary General notified the membership and made a 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 to provide international development and sporting opportunity for persons with a physical disability. 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 or 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 to provide new trustees with information 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.

Risk Management

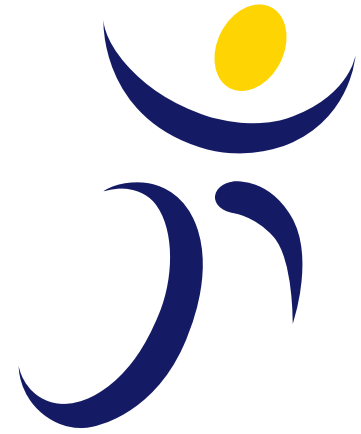
The Executive Board recognises its obligation to conduct an annual review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. As a result, during the period covered by this report, the Federation has continued to implement:

- 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 4 years into this strategy, with 2 ½ of these already allocated to the training of a Head of Operations (HoO). 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 changes 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.



About IWAS



IWAS is the only organisation that provides a full international competition programme at the entry, development and qualifying levels in support of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the paralympic movement.

Formerly two separate organisations, ISMWSF and ISOD amalgamated in 2004 to create IWAS. As a multi-sport games organiser and multi-sport governing body (IF), that has been in existence since 1952, we continue to follow the vision of our founder, Sir Ludwig Guttmann.

Throughout our history we have been a generous contributor to our member nations and their athletes by nurturing leadership and skills in their volunteer technical expert base. We have never lost sight in our 60 years of existence of the basic principles of who we are and this is still firmly encapsulated in our Values: *Sportsmanship, Unity, Respect and Friendship*

Amongst our achievements we list

- 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

Looking forward

- Sustain a high quality Games programme and increase participation
- Develop sustainable financial resources
- Expand our membership base and provide high quality services
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Our vision...

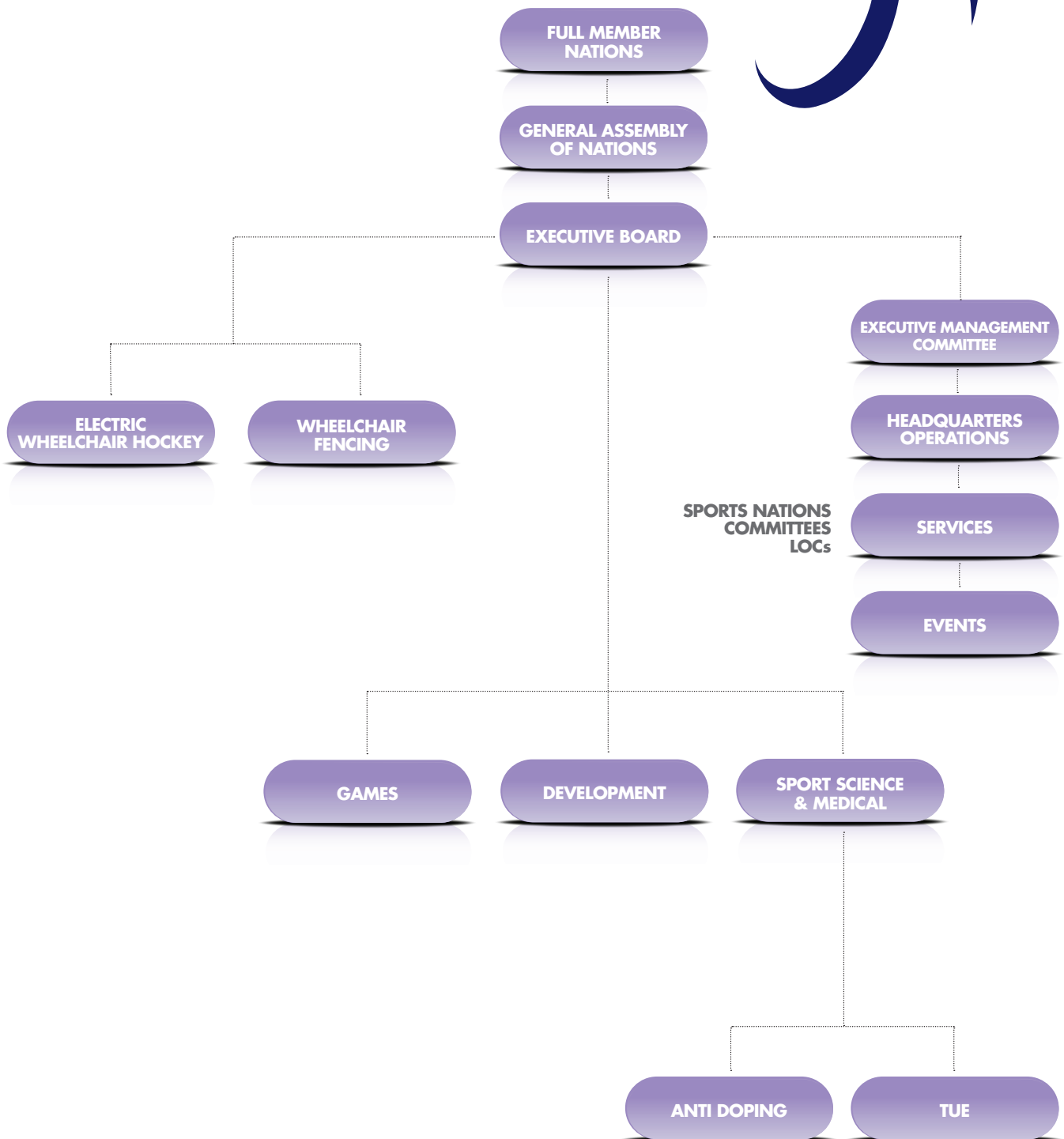
to inspire worldwide achievements in sport

Our mission...

IWAS, a founder member of the Paralympic movement, has the mission to develop sporting opportunities for athletes to maximise their potential



IWAS structure



IWAS executive board and serving officers 2012

PRESIDENT

Paul DePace
IWAS Executive Management Committee
United States of America

VICE PRESIDENT

Karl Vilhelm Nielsen
IWAS Executive Management Committee
Denmark

SECRETARY GENERAL

Maura Strange
IWAS Executive Management Committee
Great Britain

HONORARY TREASURER

Bob Paterson
IWAS Executive Management Committee
Great Britain

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Tariq Sultan Almansouri
United Arab Emirates

Pieter Badenhorst
Development Commission
South Africa

Seyed Amir Hosseini
Iran

Oriol Martinez Ferrer
Spain

Dina Sotiriadi
Games Committee Chair
Greece

Rudi Van den Abbeele
France



IWAS World Games

The IWAS World Games are hosted every two years, in uneven years. In anticipation of hosting both the IWAS World and World Junior Games in 2013, Dina Sotiriadi and Maura Strange conducted site visits to Alicante, Spain from 28 February to 1 March 2012 and also to Mayaguez, Puerto Rico from 29 March to 2 April 2012.

IWAS World Junior Games 17 to 22 July 2012

In 2012 the IWAS World Junior Games once again returned to the city of Olomouc in the Czech Republic. Athletics Club, Olomouc was the organising committee and from their experience

hosting the event in 2010, awarding the bid IWAS felt confident in yet another success. 11 countries took part in the event – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Iran, Ireland, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, and UAE.

In a change to the usual multi-sport format, it was decided that in 2012 as a Paralympic year, athletics would be the only sport on the programme and the 'IWAS Junior World Athletics Championship', was attended by over 120 athletes.

The annual 'IWAS Junior Athlete with Potential Award' was awarded to Russia's Svetlana Krivenok (Shot Put – female F36) and Germany's Leon Shafer (High Jump – male F42). This entitles the winners to entry, board and accommodation at the next IWAS World Junior Games where the sport that they compete in, is part of the programme.



IWAS Athletics Junior World Records 2012									
Event	Class	Gender	Name	First Name	Birth year	Country	Results	Wind	Date
Shot Put	36	Female	Krivenok	Svetlana	1998	RUS	8.14		19-7-12
Shot Put	33	Male	Khrupin	Alexandr	1994	RUS	9.24		18-7-12
100m	35	Male	Safronov	Dimitry	1995	RUS	00:13.58	-1.9	17-7-12
200m	35	Male	Safronov	Dimitry	1995	RUS	00:27.18	-0.4	21-7-12
Long Jump	37	Male	Kobesov	Chermen	1996	RUS	5.10	1	20-7-12
200m	37	Male	Repin	Konstain	1996	RUS	00:24.97	-1.9	21-7-12
400m	38	Male	Repin	Konstain	1996	RUS	00:56.90		19-7-12
High Jump	42	Male	Schafer	Leon	1997	GER	1.48		19-7-12
Shot Put	56	Male	Kirjonen	Aleksi	1993	FIN	12.56		18-7-12

Development

Under the leadership of Pieter Badenhorst the IWAS Development Committee is making progress. Documentation has been submitted to assist IWAS to focus as we enter a new phase.

The meaning of development to IWAS (from IWAS Development Plan 2010/2013)

IWAS views development as a major priority and a key aspect of most of its programmes and activities. It can be applied in all contexts and dimensions of the organisation if the key meaning of the concept is interpreted as 'growth'.

The development agenda of the organisation is influenced by all members. Opportunities for nations and sports are created to influence the development plan at forums like the Development Summits and General Assemblies.

The executive board (EB) is mind-full of the fact that any plan addressing development must be grounded in the realities of the current environment and specifically the global financial environment which almost all nations and organisations currently experience. It will therefore reflect in the objectives set for each specific development component. These objectives need to be realistic in terms of the environment and limited resources available to the organisation.

The development plan is a working document and will change as the dynamic sports environment change.

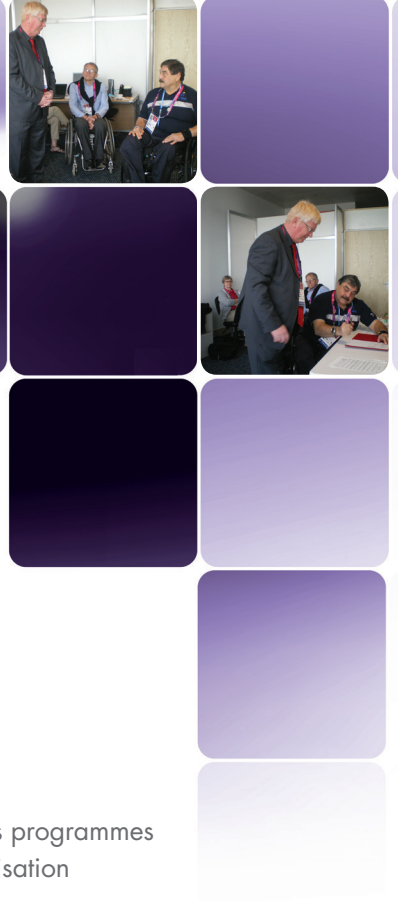
The macro-sports landscape is complicated and there are a number of key-stakeholders with various jurisdictions in the space of development which IWAS operates in. It is therefore important to realise that there will be areas of potential overlap and efforts must be made in these instances to reduce duplication and rather obtain synergies with the other role-players.

What will work for one sport can not necessarily be duplicated to another sport. The structures also differ from member to member and therefore there should be flexibility in all action plans and strategies.

The objectives of this plan will be meaningless if it is not translated into clear action plans with allocated resources and actively managed by the office with ultimate accountability from the Executive Board.

IWAS Development Mission

IWAS actively promotes development of sport for athletes with a physical disability by creating a framework that contributes to the overall athlete pathway and career.



There are various aspects in ensuring a proper framework and structure is in place and each one of those aspects will get attention in development planning. All activities that take place in development must satisfy the following question – **‘how does it ultimately benefit the athlete?’**

Focus areas for the period 2012 – 2016. (Primary objectives to be achieved)

Key Performance Area	Objectives	Strategy to achieve objectives
Membership Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase current membership total with 5 new members (achieve target in 2016) • Increase participating nations at World Games with 2 new nations at each World Games. • Strengthen the current members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate (not only on website) the various membership packages available and the benefits of various packages. Active communication to all current members as well as to nations not currently members. • Focus on lapsed members by engaging with them directly to understand reasons of not being members anymore and explore possibilities to assist where possible. • Invite potential new members to join/ enter events. • Assist current members with proper resolutions of their queries • Regular communications to members.
Sport Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a new sport at each World Games. (1st as demonstration sport and subsequent Games as full programme sport) • Increase the number of nations participating in IWAS governed sports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify possible new sports and analyse their status into participating nations etc. • Liaise with Games committee and HQ to introduce new sport as part of LOC responsibility • Assist sport with their own development plans • Assist sport with organisational development etc. • Specific focus and support for IWAS governed sports.
Knowledge Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present / organise at least one training course at each World and Junior World Games (can focus on anything i.e. coaching, classification, administration, officiating) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get experts within the IWAS family to transfer knowledge at these events in the form of workshops, training sessions etc.

FULL DOCUMENTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE ON THE IWAS WEBSITE.

Partnerships

The collaboration between CPISRA and IWAS continues and on 6 September 2012 the two organisations signed a “Statement of Cooperation”

IWAS: Karl Vilhelm Nielsen, Maura Strange, Pieter Badenhorst

CPISRA: Koos Engelbrecht, Sandy Hermiston, Craig Carscadden

Sports sciences & medical committee

After the resignation of Dr Oriol Martinez IWAS has not been able to appoint a successor in this role and it has been decided to continue with using Dr Martinez in an advisory role as he remained a member of the IWAS EB.

Cooperation with WADA continues and reports are presented to WADA, Emiliano Simonelli Senior Manager, Code Compliance twice a year. Stacey Ashwell (Sports and Finance Manager) has responsibility for WADA and all matters relating to doping.

Tests conducted in 2012

Event	Entries	In Comp	Out Comp
IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup, Malchow Germany	150	6	
IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup, Montreal Canada	39	4	
IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup, Lonato Italy	96	6	
IWAS EWH European Championships, Finland	80	10	
IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup, Warsaw Poland	143	6	
IWAS World Junior Athletics Championships	120	2	
IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup, Eger Hungary	64	3	
IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup, Hong Kong China	69	4	2
		41	2

Creating a Regular Test Pool (RTP) and out of competition testing

RTPs exist in our member nations and out of competition testing is being done in our membership but we do not have any statistics on this yet. It remains an area that we are working on. Funding for out of competition testing remains a stumbling block and we have made enquiries to see how we can overcome this.

TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) and Doping Committees

We continue to use the expertise of our TUE Committee and Executive Board to advise us on related matters. We are now using ADAMS to its full extent. ADAMS which stands for Anti-Doping Administration and Management System was created by WADA as a web based database to assist with the coordination of anti-doping activities. Our last notification was received in August 2012 before the Paralympics; the individual had an AAF but a TUE via the NADO was in place and the matter was resolved.

SPORT

IWAS sports



The primary role of the IWAS programmes in sport is to provide increasing opportunities for all athletes. It is an objective of IWAS 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 other International Federations (IFs).

IWAS maintains the governing body and determine international competition and championship programmes from international grass roots to elite Paralympic level in the sports of Wheelchair Fencing and Electric Wheelchair Hockey

Wheelchair Fencing

The IWAS WC Fencing Sport Technical Executive, under the Chairmanship of Mr Alberto Martinez Vassallo continues to support fencers from youth through to Paralympic Games levels.



CLASSIFICATION

IWAS Wheelchair Fencing (IWF) continues to provide classification panels at all international competitions. Due to their efforts in this regard, IWF has been one of a hand full of sports that did not need any classification to be done at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Dr Rita Strohm continues in her role as Head of Classification. Dr Luca Michelini remains a valued part of the team in the capacity as Education lead and conducted a training seminar in Lonato, Italy.

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. Also within the period there were Referee Seminars in Montreal, Canada and Eger, Hungary to continue the referee training programme.

GROWTH & RECOGNITION

Wheelchair Fencing is recognised as a sport section of IWAS and as such elects its own Executive Committee. IWAS 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 continued to grow on the success of the previous years. Following on from the successful joint World Championships in 2006 joint championships were also held in 2010 and 2011 and is planned for 2013.

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: 2012

January 26 – 29	Malchow World Cup
April 26 – 28	Montreal World Cup
May 18 – 20	Lonato World Cup
July 6 – 8	Warsaw World Cup
August 29 – September 9	London 2012 Paralympic Games
November 29 – December 3	Eger World Cup
December 12 – 16	Hong Kong World Cup

Wheelchair Fencing Development Priorities 2009 – 2013

OPERATIONAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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:

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

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

Competitions Commission

The function of this Commission under the leadership of the Alberto Martinez Vassallo controls and supports development and organisation of competitions, and works closely with the IWAS HQ, primarily to:

- Organise and, if necessary, appoint appropriate personnel to conduct site visits, reporting back to HQ and IWF
- Liaise 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

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.

Rules Commission

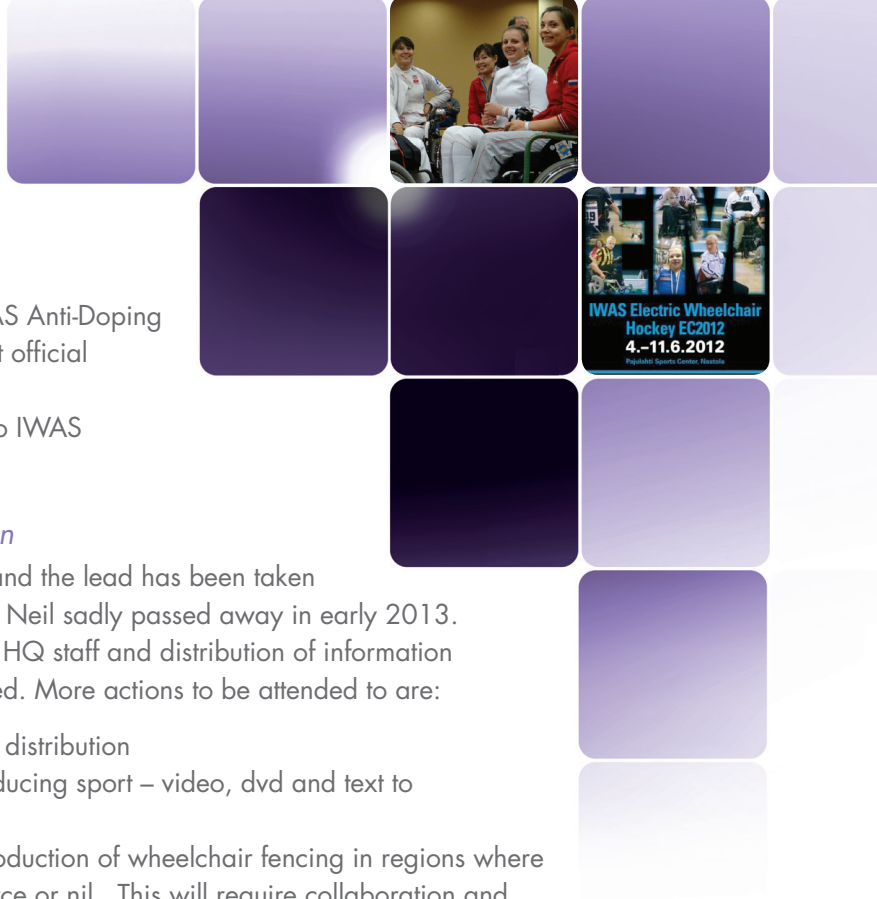
This role is currently undertaken by the Referee Commission. Competency and responsibility of this Commission are:

- 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

Doping Commission

Wheelchair Fencing, by virtue of being an IWAS Sport, functions under the IWAS Anti-doping Code. The competency and responsibility of this Commission would therefore be 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

Press and Communications Commission

This is a key area for wheelchair fencing and the lead has been taken by IWF SEC member Neil Ross from GBR. Neil sadly passed away in early 2013. He built up close collaboration with IWAS HQ staff and distribution of information to nations and on the website was achieved. More actions to be attended to are:

- Develop contact listings for mass media distribution
- Develop promotional package for introducing sport – video, dvd 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.

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.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Regional Development would come under the remit of the Technical Commission, in close collaboration with the Referees and Classifications Commissions. There is evidence of participation in wheelchair fencing at some level in the following number of nations:

Africa – 1 countries	Americas – 4 countries
Asia & Oceania – 14 countries	Europe – 16 countries

The Technical Commission should target development in countries where able-bodied fencing is also practised. This would give us the opportunity to target a large number of countries as presently FIE has 148 active members. The aim is to add 2 countries each year to be incorporated into Wheelchair Fencing as a realistic target.

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR
HOCKEY REACHED FULL
IOWA SPORT STATUS IN
NOVEMBER 2011

Electric Wheelchair Hockey

EWH has reached full IWAS Sport status in November 2011. The ICEWH continued their work on:

- Adding a 3rd continent into the sport: Contacts with Canada and USA are continued.
- Grow the number of playing nations/athletes: Number of players has grown from 260 players in 2010 to 1600 players in 14 nations over 3 continents.
- Organisation Sport Assemblies (SA), Regional and World Championships on a regular basis.
- Education of Technical Delegates, Jury Members, Classifiers, Referees: Course for classifiers, referees and jury members was organised during the European Championship (EC) June 2012.
- Classification System: The ICEWH Classification Committee has been working on a proposal and the SA 2012 nations have approved the proposed functional classification system of 4 classes.
- Business Plan 2010-2020 – Aims reached in 2012:

- IWAS gave ICEWH the full IWAS status.
- The EC2012 and SA2012 were realised.
- Education of Referees, Jury Members and Classifiers took place
- Invitation for bids WC2014 was sent. Germany sent intent bid.
- Contacts with American region continued.
- EWH demonstrations at regular Floorball events took place.
- The cooperation for Organisational Integration with IFF and/or FIH/EHF was improved.
- Preparations for application to IPC recognition started.
- No EWH event at IWAS Games were realised, because Organisers were not chosen to include EWH, although IWAS and ICEWH put efforts in promoting the inclusion of the sport.
- No nation initiated a Development Event.
- Financial position of ICEWH was not improved, only IWAS budget was used.
- The number of volunteer members in the ICEWH Subcommittees increased.

Competitions & Events

- Official Competitions & Events under the auspices of IWAS/ICEWH
 - Finland, Nastola June 2012 3rd ICEWH European Championship
 - Finland, Nastola June 2012 10th ICEWH Sport Assembly
 - Finland, Nastola June 2012 ICEWH Classifiers, Jury & Referee Course
- Competitions & Events supported by IWAS/ICEWH
 - Czech Republic, Prague Aug 2012 EWH Demo (at IFF Czech Open)
 - Switzerland, Zurich December 2012 EWH Demo (at IFF Men's World Champ)
- International Tournaments for Club Teams or National Teams, by EWH nations
 - Denmark, Musholm May 2012 EWH 4-Nations Tournament (Nat Team)
 - Czech Republic, Prague August 2012 EWH International tournament (Clubs)
 - Canada August 2012 EWH North American Cup
 - Germany, Munich August 2012 EWH 20th Munich Cup (Clubs)
 - Switzerland, Zurich October 2012 EWH 7th Iron Cats Tournament (Clubs)



EWB CLASSIFIERS HAVE REFINED THE CRITERIA OF PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY AND HAVE DEVELOPED A PROPOSAL FOR A FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.



Network and contacts

- International Paralympic Committee (IPC)
 - SICEWH Chairman visited the Paralympic Games of London 2012.
 - SICEWH Classification Committee met with IPC Medical & Scientific Director

- Canada & USA
 - ICEWH has given support to CEWHA and USEWHA and established contacts with the Canadian and USA member organisations of IWAS.
 - The Canadian member organisation of the IWAS has showed its willingness to forward the information they get from IWAS to the Canadian EWH Association. Also that they are willing to endorse participation of the Canadian team in international competitions.

International Floorball Federation (IFF)

- 4 EWH nations work together or have contact with their national Floorball organisation.
- 4th meeting with ICEWH during IFF Men's World Championship in Zurich, Switzerland. Intent for further cooperation/integration will be set up.
- Demonstration of EWH at IFF events for thousands of spectators (see above, 2 demos during 2012).
- In 2011 the IFF has received the recognition of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- An IFF representative has visited the European Championship 2012 in Finland.
- International Field Hockey Federation (FIH)
- 2 EWH nations work together or have contact with their national Field hockey organisation.
- In 2011 FIH has indicated that they are open for cooperation.
- In January 2012 ICEWH has sent its ideas for cooperation (sharing knowledge, events, network, promotion, etc.). FIH has indicated that EHF (European Field hockey Federation) will cooperate and support ICEWH.
- 1st Meeting with EHF in May 2012.
- An EHF representative has visited the European Championship 2012 in Finland.
- Cooperation takes place for 1st EWH demonstration in Lille, France at EHF Event.

Promotional activities

- The ICEWH Website is up to date.
- Promote and sell the Electric Wheelchair Hockey trainers' handbook "Principles of Electric Wheelchair Hockey".

Questionnaire Statistics

To gather new data on international development of EWH to monitor the trends of growth: The data from nations was last collected in December 2011. This showed growth of 200 players in the last 2 years to 1600 players in total. The data were presented at the ICEWH Sport Assembly 2012. In autumn 2013 the next questionnaire will be sent to the nations.

Development Classification System

EWH Classifiers have refined the criteria of player's eligibility and have developed a proposal for a functional classification system. These have been tried out during the EC2012 and the nations of SA2012 have agreed about the proposed 4-class system.

Development Speed Control System

Students from the University of Antwerp, Belgium have started to develop a Speed Control System, with which the speed of the wheelchairs can be measured during the match to be able to control the Game Rule that wheelchairs shall have a maximum speed of 15 km/h during the game. This system is not ready yet. The SA2012 has agreed that the Speedometer can be used during ICEWH Competitions, but disadvantage of this system is that it can't measure the speed during a match.

FINANCIAL POSITION

- ICEWH received a base grant from IWAS of about € 1.600, and a development grant of about € 5.340.
- In 2012 finances were mainly used for: the ICEWH Website, visit Paralympic Games, visit IFF Men's World Championship.
- ICEWH generates income from the sale of the trainers' handbook "Principles of EWH", Protests and Sanction Fees.
- In general Organising Committees cover the costs of ICEWH Events & Competitions.

ICEWH SEC MEETINGS VIA SKYPE

18 January, 7 March, 21 March, 18 April, 19 September, 14 October, 5 December.

ICEWH COMMITTEES

ICEWH Executive Committee: The ICEWH Executive Committee has functioned well with 4 members, but the workload is huge. The need for a 5th member to share the workload is evident. ICEWH Subcommittees: The number of volunteers in the ICEWH Subcommittees has grown. A Technical Commission and Marketing & Communication Committee are now active as well. Still more active volunteers are needed to realise the Business Plan.

Sports activities

Athletics

2012 was an exceptionally busy year for Athletics and it has become apparent that the number of competitions on the international calendar is increasing at a massive rate.

The IWAS Junior Athletics World Championships was the only competition in 2012. It was the only sport featured in the IWAS World Junior Games, Olomouc, Czech Republic 17 to 22 July 2012.

IWAS Series

It was decided not to have the IWAS Series in 2012 as the calendar was oversubscribed.

Rankings, Records and Databases

Jan Bockweg, IWAS Athletics Manager continued to keep the data current and up to date. The IWAS system is used extensively by all nations as it holds a very long history on the performance of athletes.

It remains a challenge to collect the results from competitions.

Amputee Football

IWAS continue with their efforts to assist the sport and formal contact with WAFF continues. With the goal of helping the sport develop as an IWAS Sports section towards future inclusion in the Paralympic Games as a discipline of football.

Financial information

In 2012 IWAS received a total income of £146,149 (2011: £214, 218) and had expenses of £185,365 (2011: £199,198) had a net operating profit/(loss) of (£39,216) (2011: surplus £ 15, 020). As there is no IWAS World Games in Paralympic Games years it has a negative effect on the financials of IWAS.

IWAS also administer the accounts for IWAS sport and their account balances as of 31 December 2012 was:

Sports Holding Accounts

Wheelchair Fencing	£16,685
Electric Wheelchair Hockey	£2,305
Athletics	£5,968

Incoming resources	£
Membership fees	83,292
Capitation – Games	7,600
Capitation – Sports	26,864
IPC Grants (PPS)	7,118
General Games Income	1,000
General Sports Income	14,181
Grants/donations	1,818
Interest on investments	910
Refunds to IWAS	3,367
	146,149

Resources expended	
Membership services	52,705
Sport Services	83,460
IPC Services	25,338
Executive service	12,172
Finance Service	11,691
	185,365

Member countries

ARGENTINA	CZECH REPUBLIC	KAZAKHSTAN	RUSSIA
AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	KENYA	RWANDA
AUSTRIA	FINLAND	KOREA	SAUDI ARABIA
AZERBAIJAN	FRANCE	KUWAIT	SERBIA
BAHRAIN	GERMANY	LEBANON	SINGAPORE
BARBADOS	GREAT BRITAIN	LITHUANIA	SLOVAKIA
BELARUS	GREECE	LUXEMBOURG	SLOVENIA
BELGIAN	HONG KONG	MALAYSIA	SOUTH AFRICA
BRAZILIAN	HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN
BULGARIA	INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN
CAMEROON	IRAN	NIGERIA	SWITZERLAND
CANADA	IRAQ	NORWAY	THAILAND
CHINA	IRELAND	POLAND	TURKEY
CHINESE TAIPEI	ITALY	PORTUGAL	UAE
CROATIA	JAPAN	PUERTO RICO	UKRAINE
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