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MESSAGE FROM ICSD PRESIDENT DR. VALERY RUKHLEDEV

Dear participants of the 46th ICSD Congress and to the extended Deaflympics Family!



I welcome you to the beautiful city of Samsun for the Congress of the 23rd Summer Deaflympics 2017! How exciting is it to begin the countdown to the Opening Ceremony of the first-ever Deaflympics in Turkey!

Although the Deaf community's attention will turn to the athletes and the competition, I am sure that all of you feel the anticipation building for the Games. Everything is ready! Sports infrastructure is ready as well as the spectators, and most importantly - our great athletes are ready!

I've been to Samsun numerous times and I've been very pleased to see how initial challenges have been addressed and that sports venues have been completed following positive cooperation between ICSD, Organizing Committee and NDSFs. The standard of the Deaflympics village is of

the highest level with the best training facilities. This is very important, as our athletes are the heart of the Deaflympics.

I must admit that it has been a testing journey for ICSD and our friends from Turkey. It is not an exaggeration to say that last year was hard for Turkey and that it slowed down the preparation for the Games. In a way the Deaflympics became a catalyst for peace that will go down in Turkish history. Team work is crucial in such cases of emergency. I express my deep gratitude to the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Turkey, the Deaflympics Samsun Organizing Committee, local authorities and all of you for your help, support and solidarity during this difficult period.

Deaflympics is a great event for all, regardless of age, hearing loss or athletic ability. It is important to encourage the Deaf to engage in sports. Due to their tremendous achievements, some Deaf sportsmen show results at elite level.

I would like to stress again the importance of our relationships with International Deaf Sports Federations around the world. This is essential to increase young people's participation in sports as nowadays they are becoming more and more addicted to the electronic devices. It will allow us to make a greater contribution to the development of our Deaf youth.



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You all know that we signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the International Olympic Committee in 2016. This covers issues such as transparent governance in National Deaf Sports Federations and building up credibility of Deaf Sport, all of which are crucial to us. In 2017 we published the IOC Code of Ethics on our website and we encourage all of you to comply with it.

In accordance with the IOC Recommendations 7 of the Olympic Agenda 2020 the ICSD signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Olympic Channel. The Deaflympics will be broadcasted on the Olympic Channel for the first time in history. This year is shaping up to be a significant one for the ICSD.

Thank you for your contribution, for working for the good of our great athletes all around the world. Please, encourage others to do the same! Developing Deaf sport, living and promoting healthy life style is not just wonderful, but interesting, fashionable and prestigious. You know it from your own experience by devoting yourselves to the development of the Deaf Sport.

At the IOC Sport and Active Society Commission, which I am a member of, under the leadership of Mr. Sam Ramsamy, we adopted a slogan 'Let's get moving!' I suggest holding these Deaflympics and spending this year and many years ahead under the same slogan!

I wish you successful work at the Congress and unforgettable 23rd Summer Deaflympics!

Sincerely,

Dr. Valery Rukhledev

Let's get moving! (IOC Sport & Active Society Commission)



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MESSAGE FROM IOC PRESIDENT THOMAS BACH



Thomas Bach
President

Message for the XXIII Summer Deaflympics Programme

Dear Friends,

A warm welcome to all participants in Samsun. This is the first time that Turkey is hosting the Deaflympics of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD), so you are opening a new horizon for sport.

Let me thank the ICSD under the great leadership of President Valery Rukhledev, for being a valued member and partner of the Olympic family, encouraging and promoting sport for all and the values of sport worldwide.

To all the athletes, I wish you a fantastic competition in the coming days. You are a real source of inspiration for all of us. You are the best ambassadors of the power of sport to overcome all barriers. In sport, everyone is equal, no matter who you are or what your background is. Now it is your time to shine in sport you love in the Olympic spirit of excellence, friendship and respect. Make the most of this unique experience and enjoy every moment of this competition.

Let me wish the organisers every success for the 23rd Summer Deaflympics. To all the athletes, friends, fans and spectators, enjoy the competition and have a wonderful time in Samsun.



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ICSD MISSION

The ICSD is the sole governing body responsible for the global Movement of the Deaf Sports in compliance with the ICSD Constitution and Olympic. The ICSD objective is to cherish the spirit of Deaflympics where Deaf athletes strive to reach the pinnacle of competition by embracing the motto of PER LUDOS AEQUALITAS (Equality through sports) and adhering to the ideals of Olympics. The ICSD owns the rights to Deaflympics. At the same time the Organizing Committee as established by the host country in co-operation with the ICSD, has organizational functions to conduct the Deaflympics.

The main functions of the ICSD are:

1. To supervise the organization of successful Summer and Winter Deaflympics.
2. To promote and contribute to the sport development.
3. To support and encourage educational, cultural, research and scientific activities that contribute to the development and promotion of the Deaflympics.
4. To fully enforce a drug-free sport environment for all Deaf athletes in conjunction with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and to conduct audiology tests.
5. To promote sports for Deaf athletes without discrimination on the basis of one's political, religious, economic, disability, gender or racial attributes.
6. To work with the IOC in areas including the following:
 - Compliance with the rules of transparent management of the organization;
 - Adoption of measures to prevent corruption;
 - Compliance with the Code of Ethics as developed by the IOC;
 - Organizing the tendering process to hold ICSD Championships and the Deaflympics;
 - Maintaining relations with the GAISF and SportAccord Convention;
 - Collaboration and active interaction with various International Sports Federations.



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The current main objects of the ICSD are:

- To constantly raise the level training for Deaf sportspeople.
- To engage young people in sport and in the organization of the first Youth Deaflympics.
- To raise international recognition for Deaf sports.
- To manage the organization, including annual audit of companies .
- To grow our budget, including in marketing, sponsorship and in the sale of license agreements.



21st Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, Chinese Taipei



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INTRODUCTION

The Deaflympics is the event at which deaf athletes from 109 countries compete. We were called the World Games for the Deaf until 2001.

The first games were held in Paris in 1924. The event has been held every four years since, apart from a break for World War II.

The first Games were so successful that during its session held 16 August 1924, the delegations of the participating countries created the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (Comité International des Sports des Sourds – CISS). Its main goal was to create the union of National Sports Federations for the Deaf and to develop the Constitution of the newly formed organization. It was also decided that year to conduct the World Summer World Games for the Deaf under the aegis of the ICSD every four years.

In January 1949 the first-ever Winter World Games for the Deaf were held in Austria involving 33 sportsmen from five countries. In 1955 the International Olympic Committee recognized the ICSD as an International Organization with the Olympic Status and in two years the ICSD started to change the Constitution in compliance with the Olympic Charter. In May 2001, following a decision of the IOC Executive Committee the World Games for the Deaf were renamed the Deaflympics.

Participation in the Deaflympics is restricted to persons who are deaf. This has been defined by a hearing loss of at least 55dB. The use of hearing aids or external cochlear implant aids during any Deaflympics event is prohibited. Every competition is held in compliance with the rules of a relevant International Sports Federation (FIFA, FILA, FIVB, etc.). In some sports (such as swimming, athletics etc.) a light is used instead of sound signals.

The ICSD consists of national independent Sports Deaf Federations from more than 109 countries worldwide combined into four (4) regional confederations (Europe, Asia-Pacific, Panamericas and the Africas).



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PRINCIPLES OF THE DEAF SPORTS MOVEMENT

The ICSD activity is regulated in accordance with the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The ICSD is also governed by the principles set out in the Olympic Charter. The Olympic Charter is a document in which the fundamental principles of Olympism and rules adopted by the IOC are outlined.

Fundamental Principles of Olympism

Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy of effort, the educational value of good example, social responsibility and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles. The goal of Olympism is to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity.

The Olympic Movement is the concerted, organized, universal and permanent action, carried out under the supreme authority of the IOC, of all individuals and entities who are inspired by the values of Olympism. It covers the five continents. It reaches its peak with the bringing together of the world's athletes at the great sports festival, the Olympic Games. Its symbol is five interlaced rings.

The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

Sports organizations within the Olympic Movement shall have the rights and obligations of autonomy, which include freely establishing and controlling the rules of sport, determining the structure and governance of their organizations.

The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Olympic Charter shall be secured without discrimination of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Belonging to the Olympic Movement requires compliance with the Olympic Charter and recognition by the IOC, a privilege that has been extended to the ICSD.



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CONGRESS

The ICSD Congress takes place before each Deaflympics. It deals with coordination of issues from regional ICSD representatives, from our International Deaf Sports Federations and these issues are addressed in the spirit of promoting the Olympic ideas around the development of sport and physical education among the Deaf and the strengthening of relations in international sports.

Congress is the ICSD supreme body. It is a meeting of ICSD members held every two years before Winter or Summer Deaflympics. The Congress decisions are final.

The ICSD Congress has the following authority:

- To ratify new ICSD Members;
- To elect the President, Vice-Presidents and other members of the ICSD Executive Board;
- To elect the host town of the Deaflympics;
- To approve the annual report and the ICSD budget.

An ICSD Congress has quorum when there is at least fifty percent of Full Members in good standing. Congress decisions are made by a simple majority. To make amendments to the ICSD Constitution requires at least two thirds of the quote.

Every ICSD member has one vote. When counting votes, those who have abstained or submitted blank or damaged ballots are not taken into account. Proxy voting is not allowed. Secret voting occurs only when it is stipulated by the Olympic Charter or by decision of the Chairperson, or if requested by at least one quarter of present ICSD Members. Where the votes are equal the decision is made by the Congress Chairperson.



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EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board is the permanent body that assumes overall responsibility for the administration and management of the ICSD affairs.

President

Dr. Valery
RUKHLEDEV



Vice President – World Sports

Mr. Kang CHEN



Vice President – Youth Sports

Mr. David LANESMAN



ICSD EB Members:

Mrs. Rebecca ADAM



ICSD EB Members:

Mr. Marijo LUSIC





The international structure of the ICSD is composed of four regions:

- Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation (APDSC)
- Confederation of African Deaf Sports (CADS)
- European Deaf Sports Organization (EDSO)
- Pan American Sports Organization of the Deaf (PANAMDES)



Mohammad
PARGAR



Gustavo
PERAZZOLO



Bjorn
ROINE



Mohamed
MADOUN

Mr. Mohammad PARGAR, **President of the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation**

Mr. Mohamed MADOUN, **President of the Confederation of African Deaf Sports**

Mr. Bjorn ROINE, **President of the European Deaf Sports Organization**

Mr. Gustavo PERAZZOLO, **President of the Pan American Sports Organization of the Deaf**

All members of the Executive Board are elected at the ICSD Congress by secret ballot. A simple majority is required. The term of Executive Board members is for four years.



The ICSD Executive Board manages the affairs of the organization including the following:

Monitor compliance with the Olympic Charter;

- Assume ultimate responsibility for the administrative work of the ICSD;
- Approve the internal structure of the ICSD and all internal regulations relating to its organization;
- Finance management of the ICSD and preparation of reports during the Executive Board meetings;
- Submission to Congress of any report on any proposed rules changes and any official clarifications of these changes;
- Submission of candidates for for election to the ICSD;
- Monitor the process of adoption and selection of candidate cities for hosting the Deaflympics;
- Preparation of the agenda for ICSD Congresses;
- Decisions about the terms and conditions of any ICSD employee are made by the ICSD Executive Team in consultation with the Executive Board;
- Archives of the ICSD;
- The Executive Board introduces all documents necessary for the proper implementation of the Olympic Charter and the organization of the Deaflympics in the form it considers most appropriate (decrees, provisions, regulations, directives, basic directions, instructions);
- Performs any other duties as assigned by the ICSD Congress.



ICSD REPORT

First, we want to thank everybody who supported Dr. Valery Rukhledev's candidature for the ICSD presidency. Within these four years, in close cooperation with the leaders of the National Deaf Sports Federations from many countries, we have managed to overcome many obstacles in ICSD's management, and we continue to move forward!

After the elections, our main objective was the building of a long-term cooperation with the main sports organization in the world - the International Olympic Committee which included moving the ICSD office to Switzerland, restoring ICSD corporate and financial documents, and ICSD marketing. A lot of work has been accomplished and we are proud to say that we managed to achieve a lot.

2013

In September 2013, almost immediately after assuming the presidency, Dr. Rukhledev met with the IOC President, Thomas Bach, who was also elected the same year. At this meeting issues regarding promoting Deaf sport were raised and it became clear what steps should be undertaken to ensure that the Deaf Sport receives more recognition. Soon after this, the ICSD Executive Board meeting was held, where all the crucial tasks and plans for the further development of the Deaf Sport were planned.

2014

Early in 2014 we began to implement the idea of holding the Winter Deaflympics in Russia. A lot of meetings were held with representatives of the Russian Government, and as a result an agreement was signed to hold the 18th Winter Deaflympics in Khanty-Mansiysk in Russia.

Later on we re-established some of the positions of the technical directors and appointed new ones for the period until 2017. The responsibilities of technical directors for each sport also included the control over the preparation of sports venues for the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun.

At the same time we had working meetings with the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, IOC President, Thomas Bach and Mr. Sam Ramsamy. Mr. Ramsamy was the chair of the Working Group that later on created Recommendation number Seven for the Olympic Agenda 2020. Here we must add a few words about this important document for the IOC and ICSD. Olympic Agenda 2020 is a strategic road map for the future of the Olympic movement. It has forty (40) recommendations that show uniqueness of the Olympic Games and strengthening Sport in the Society.



Dr. Rukhledev was given an honor to be invited as an expert in this group, where he made a presentation for representatives of various sports organizations and the IOC in Lausanne (Switzerland) on a subject of a merger of Paralympic and Deaf sports. The idea was that it would not be workable for the time being. This speech was appreciated and gave the IOC officials a more accurate understanding of the Deaf sport peculiarities. The issue of the unification of the Paralympics and the Deaflympics then was removed the agenda for this meeting.

It should be also noted that at the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, of which ICSD President is a member, he had repeatedly raised the issue of the creation of the UN Sports Commission that could regulate the legal aspects of not only the Deaf sport, but of all persons with disabilities in general.

In 2014 six World Championships were held including for: swimming; tennis and golf in the USA; handball and basketball in Turkey, and junior wrestling in Armenia.

2015

In 2015, ICSD held the Winter Deaflympics in Khanty-Mansiysk / Magnitogorsk. One of the IOC representatives came to the 18th Winter Deaflympics in Khanty-Mansiysk in 2015 and left with a strong impression from the games. Throughout 2015 until the beginning 2016 we were constantly in touch with the IOC and began preparing a draft Memorandum of Understanding in consultation with the IOC..

In 2015 ICSD conducted 10 World Deaf Championships in various types of sports: basketball in Chinese Taipei; junior and open badminton in Bulgaria; junior and open tennis in the UK; swimming and junior orienteering in the United States of America; bowling in Italy and futsal in Thailand.

Also in 2015, the World Olympian Forum took place in Moscow where ICSD President participated along with President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, IOC President Thomas Bach, the Patron of the World Olympians Association, HSH Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco and the President of the World Olympians Association Joel Bouzou.



2016

In March 2016 the Memorandum of Understanding between the ICSD and the IOC was signed. The signing of this Memorandum means that the ICSD is in good standing with the IOC. We also realized that if we kept the IOC constantly informed about our activities and closely collaborate with the IOC, our relationship will only get better and go to a new level. This was a crucial step in the global Deaf Sports development.

At the beginning of 2016 we started building relations with International Sports Federations and associations of Deaf sports. We also participated in the Symposium of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), in the SportAccord Convention.

We relocated the ICSD headquarters to Lausanne (Switzerland), which is the Olympic capital of the world, where key International Sports Federations and Organizations are located. Deaf sport will finally be at the same level with international sports federations and organizations. We are heard and we began to be acknowledged in the global sports community.

ICSD has conducted nine World Deaf Championships: including junior wrestling in Iran; football in Italy; athletics in Bulgaria; martial arts, beach volleyball and table tennis in Turkey; golf in Denmark and shooting in Russia.

A landmark event was the launch of the Countdown Ceremony of the '365 days before the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun' and soon we will see the Deaf athletes competing to be the best in their respective sports.

While working on the development of the Deaf Sport, ICSD President was appointed in one of the main IOC commissions 'Sport and Active Society Commission', under the leadership of Mr. Sam Ramsamy. This Commission is very important for the entire sports community and for the ICSD in particular, because it is addressing the main issues of Youth in Sports.



2017

Negotiations were held with the Olympic Channel. As a result, ICSD and the Olympic Channel signed a Memorandum of Understanding. This year the Deaflympics will be broadcasted to the entire world. The Olympic Channel is essential for the Deaf Sport development. It is watched by a lot of people around the world. Watching competitions of Deaf athletes may change attitudes towards the Deaf community. We are standing on the threshold of seeing unique achievements and making new discoveries. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the ICSD and the Olympic Channel is undoubtedly a huge progress.

During 2017, our main work was related to the preparations for the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun. There were a lot of meetings and trips and, finally, Samsun is ready to host the 23rd Summer Deaflympics.

Along with our achievements in the diplomatic area we held a number of World Deaf Championships: curling in Russia; alpine skiing and snowboard in Austria and ice hockey in the United States in 2017.

We continued working with World Anti-Doping Agency and visited WADA Symposium for the second time. We would like to add a few words about doping regulation here. The World Anti-Doping Code is the main document, which provides the basis for the anti-doping policies, rules and regulations in sports worldwide, as well as to the ICSD. Since its adoption on 1 January 2004, the WADA Code has been a very powerful and effective tool for battling doping.

The ICSD adopted the World Anti-Doping Code on 23 February 2006. There were taken 88 doping in 2016 in 13 sport disciplines. After receiving results one athlete was disqualified.

The ICSD is doing everything to ensure the Deaf sport to be clean. The ICSD has good relations with WADA due to the fact that ICSD annually submit a report for the doping control.

To summarize, ICSD were able to join the Olympic Family and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the IOC and the Olympic Channel. The Deaflympics became the first third-party event that received Olympic Channel support. We have officially registered a new corporate ICSD identity and headquarters in Lausanne and opened a bank account there. Launching of charity funds, increasing marketing and finding sponsorships is one of our many tasks we want to do next.



SECRETARIAT

The ICSD Secretariat consists of five members appointed by the ICSD Executive Team (President and Vice-President-World Sports). The ICSD Secretariat is engaged in management activities of the organization. The main function of the Secretariat is to conduct and implement policies and decisions of the ICSD President, Vice-President and of the Executive Board.



Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Dmitry REBROV



The Director of the ICSD
office in Lausanne,
Advisor to the President
**Mrs. Xenia
MORFOPOULOS**



Media Director
Mr. Slava KLIMOV



Accountant
Mr. John SKJEVELAND



Doping Control Officer
Mr. Artem BUEROV



ICSD Secretariat functions:

- Implementation of decisions made by the President, Vice-President and by the ICSD Executive Board;
- Implementation of management activities aimed at implementation of decisions and policies of the ICSD to work with sports organizations, federations and associations of the Deaf;
- Administrative control over the compliance with legal rules and mandatory rules, in particular the compliance with the ICSD and Olympic Charter;
- Communication with partners and other organizations that provide resources for the ICSD;
- Information support of ICSD's representatives, other organizations and individuals interested in the ICSD.



Maison du Sport International in Lausanne



THE SECRETARIAT ACTIVITY:

11 August 2013 — Meeting with the IOC President, Jacques Rogge, at the World Athletics Championship. Agreed on the cooperation and support of Deaf sport.

12 August 2013 — Meeting with Lamine Diack, President of the International Association of Federations athletics.

2 September 2013 — Meeting with Alexander Zhukov, President of the Russian Olympic Committee, IOC Member.

7-10 September 2013 — A trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina for the first meeting with President Thomas Bach the newly elected IOC President, in order to extend congratulations and promote Deaf Sports.

23 September 2013 — A trip to New York, USA to the UN General Assembly. A working meeting with Mr. Colin Allen, WFD President was conducted among other meetings.

November - December 2013 — Meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Sports and Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan.

22 December 2013 — Meeting of the members of the ICSD Executive Board in Moscow, Russia. The development of working plans for 2014.

January 2014 — Meeting with the Deputy Chairman of the Russian Government, Mr. Dmitry Kozak, to discuss the possibility of the 18th Winter Deaflympics 2015 in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.

10 March 2014 — Meeting with the IOC President, Thomas Bach, and former IOC President, Jacques Rogge at the 11th Paralympic Games in Sochi to discuss the upcoming Winter Deaflympics in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia. They were invited to the Deaflympics as guests of Honor.

23 March 2014 — Signing of the Agreement with the Russian Government for holding the 18th Winter Deaflympics 2015 in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.

27 March 2014 — ICSD became a partner of the International Working Group on Women and Sport and participated in the sixth World conference 'Empowering women in sports'.

1 April 2014 — ICSD Technical Directors were appointed for the period 2014-2017. The preparations for the Summer Deaflympics in Samsun, Turkey, became a part of TDs responsibilities.

1 April 2014 — a trip to Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, with the Executive Board members and the ICSD Technical Directors for testing the infrastructure for the 18th Winter Deaflympics.



12 June 2014 — Meeting with the IOC President, Thomas Bach, in Helsinki, Finland. Participation in the sixth world conference 'Empowering women in sports'.

18 June 2014 — Meeting at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland, with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, the IOC President, Thomas Bach, the IOC Sports Director, Kit McConnell, and Jacques Rogge, who became the Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Youth and Sports.

August 2014 — Participation in the Working group of the IOC Agenda 2020 at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland. A presentation on differences of the Paralympics and the Deaflympics is made. The presentation gave an understanding of the peculiarities of the Deaf Sport for the representatives of various international sports organizations.

17 September 2014 —The ICSD Executive Board meeting in Antalya, Turkey to review the plans of the Deaflympics in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 2015, and Samsun, Turkey, 2017.

29 October 2014 — Participation in the International Sports Forum in Cheboksary, Russia. Opening of the exhibition for the upcoming 18th Winter Deaflympics in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.

11 November 2014 — A working meeting with Mr. Vitaly Mutko, Minister for sport of the Russian Federation, and Mrs. Natalia Komarova, Governor of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug Ugra. They discussed organisational issues and the level of the preparations for the 18th Winter Deaflympics.

January-December 2014 - Participation in the Working group of the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020 'Future of the Olympic Movement' in the headquarters of the IOC in Lausanne (Switzerland) under the leadership of Thomas Bach and Sam Ramsamy. Following the work of the group the IOC adopted a 'Recommendation No. 7', which applies to Disabled People's Organisations.

26-28 March 2015 —The 45th ICSD Congress in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia. Delegates from 60 countries experienced the delivery of the 18th Winter Deaflympics as being at the highest level.

20 April 2015 — Participation in the SportAccord Convention in Sochi, Russia. A working meeting with Marius Vizer, President of the organisation.

3 June 2015 — Meeting with the IOC Sports Director, Mr. Kit McConnell, in Lausanne, Switzerland. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the IOC and the ICSD.



25 October 2015 — Participation in the first TD's inspection in Samsun, Turkey. The inspection work was connected to the preparation for the 23rd Summer Deaflympics.

11-13 November 2015 — Participation in the SportAccord Forum for the leaders of the international sports community in Lausanne, Switzerland. A working meeting with the representatives of international sports organisations and federations.

23-26 November 2015 – Participation of ICSD specialist in the Peace and Sport forum.

16 January 2016 — Preparations for signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the ICSD and the IOC. The ICSD Executive Board members continue to pay special attention to strengthening relations with the IOC. Discussion of conducting of the first Youth Deaflympics.

5 February 2016 — Presentation for the UN Commission for Social Development.

8 March 2016 — Signing the Memorandum of Understanding between the ICSD and the IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland. Meeting with the IOC President, Thomas Bach. Identified the responsibilities of the ICSD, which is to manage the delivery of the Summer and Winter Deaflympics and World Deaf Sports Championships. The inauguration of the ICSD new headquarters in the Olympic capital of the world - Lausanne, Switzerland.

9 March 2016 — Meeting with four ICSD associate members: Deaf International Basketball Federation, Deaf International Football Association, International Chess Committee of the Deaf and World Deaf Golf Federation. Work on assigning the responsibilities and roles of the above-mentioned sports organisations in relation to the World Deaf Sports Championships.

16-18 March 2016 — Coordinated participation of the ICSD specialists at the 12th Symposium of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

9 April 2016 — Trip to Washington, D.C., USA. World Deaf community highly appreciated the outstanding contribution of the ICSD President, Dr. Valery Rukhledev, in connection with his the work on the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, ongoing advocacy of civil rights for the Deaf and the strengthening of relations between the ICSD and the IOC, as well as the development of the International Deaf Sports movement and awarded him with the medal of honor.

17-22 April 2016 — Participation in the work of the SportAccord Convention in Lausanne, Switzerland. Meetings during six consecutive days at a high level.

20 April 2016 — Participation in the ceremony of laying the stone of the building Synathlon on the site of the new headquarters of the International Academy of Sport Science and Technology.



21 April 2016 — A working meeting with the President of the World Taekwondo Federation, Choue Chung-won, where they discussed issues of deaf athletes development in Taekwondo. Meeting with the President of Peace and Sport, Bouzou, and his team on cooperation between the ICSD and other organisations.

1 May 2016 — Participation in a joint meeting between the ICSD, the World Federation of the Deaf and the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters.

14 June 2016 — Participation at the 9th session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

6 July 2016 — Participation in the PANAMDES Congress and Seminar at Gallaudet University, USA. The ICSD principles were explained to the participants of the Congress and the Seminar and a lot of issues were covered: from planning and management in the ICSD, the involvement of partners and the organisation of sporting events, cooperation with national deaf sports federations to sports infrastructure of Samsun, the city, which will host the 23rd Summer Deaflympics.

18 July 2016 — Participation in the launching Countdown ceremony ‘365 days to the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun’ in Samsun, Turkey.

August 2016 – Attending the Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro as the Honorary ICSD representative and the guest of the IOC President, Thomas Bach.

19 September 2016 – A meeting with the President of the Polish Deaf Sports Association, Jaroslaw Janiec, in Warsaw, Poland. Topical issues of Deaf sports development were discussed during the meeting, as well as problems connected to the Deaf sports life and ways they can be addressed. Participated in the meeting of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, where issues of participation in public and political life of persons with disabilities were discussed.

7 October 2016 — A meeting with the Minister of Youth and Sports of Turkish Republic and with the Head of Deaf Sports Federation in Samsun, Turkey.

26-30 October 2016 — Participation in the 2nd Confederation of African Deaf Sports General Assembly in Johannesburg, South Africa.

7 November 2016 — Participation in the IOC Sport and Active Society Commission under the leadership of Mr. Sam Ramsamy in Lausanne, Switzerland.



18 November 2016 — Participation in the International Sports Federations Forum in Lausanne, Switzerland. Working meetings with the Chairman of the IOC Medical and Scientific Commission, the IOC Vice-President, Professor Francesco Ricci, ASOIF President, and SportAccord Convention. Negotiations with the Olympic Channel leaders.

18-22 February 2017 — Participation in the 2nd Chef de Mission Seminar and Technical Directors inspection in Samsun, Turkey. Workshops on each sport for Technical Directors. Checking venues preparedness to competitions.

1 March 2017 — Signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Olympic Channel.

2-5 May 2017 — Participation in the 8th ICSD Executive Board meeting. Press Conference with the 23rd Deaflympics Organising Committee in Samsun, Turkey.





REGIONAL SPORTS CONFEDERATIONS

ICSD consists of four Regional Sports Confederations. 109 countries are members of the ICSD.

ASIA PACIFIC DEAF SPORTS CONFEDERATION (APDSC)

President **Mr. Mohammad PARGAR**

31 countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Chinese Taipei, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen.

CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN DEAF SPORTS (CADS)

President **Mr. Mohamed MADOUN**

23 countries: Algeria, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Mauritius, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

PAN AMERICAN SPORTS ORGANISATION OF THE DEAF (PANAMDES)

President **Mr. Gustavo PERAZZOLO**

14 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela



EUROPEAN DEAF SPORTS ORGANISATION (EDSO)

President **Mr. Bjorn ROINE**

42 countries: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, United Kingdom, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine.



TECHNICAL DIRECTORS

The list of responsibilities of Technical Directors include the issues of logistics of a ICSD competition. They decide whether the sport facility is suitable for competitions on an international level. Deaf sport competition is organized differently to those in the Olympic and Paralympic games. There are technical particulars of the competition that need to be addressed. For example, visual markings are used for the Deaf and light signals and gestures are used instead of whistles. The development of the Deaf sports can be achieved only when all of the conditions are met. ICSD Technical Directors are consultants to the Deaflympics organizers and other International and National Championship hosts.

Athletics	PEARCE Richard
Badminton	BOGARD Martin Lawrence
Tennis	BURZ Tobias
Beach Volleyball	KNETZGER John J.
Basketball	ENDRESS Jurgen
Bowling	KUEHN Rainer Wolfgang
Cycling Road and Mountain Bike	FERNANDEZ Ralph
Football	DE CARO Rosario
Golf	BALHARRIE Gavin Peter
Handball	HENSEN Norbert
Judo	ANTOINE Damien
Karate	FARAONE Francesco Paolo
Orienteering	DULA Olga Alexandrovna
Shooting	ADAM Mac
Swimming	GERSHWIND Reed
Table Tennis	SCHEFFEL Horst-Peter
Taekwondo	JEONG Bongkyu



Volleyball

Wrestling Freestyle

Wrestling Greco-Roman

Alpine Skiing

Cross Country Skiing

Curling

Ice Hockey

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GUINTA Jonathan

BRADLEY Chris

GALMARINI Marco



ICSD Technical Directors in Samsun



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Presidents of the IOC and the ICSD, Thomas Bach and Valery Rukhledev, in line with the Recommendation No. 7 of the program Olympic Agenda 2020, which requires the strengthening of 'relations with the organizations for persons with disabilities in order to ensure effective joint activities in all possible areas, including technical assistance, communication and promotion of events via the Olympic Channel'. The IOC will also work with the ICSD by supporting the athletes through the educational IOC program IOC Athlete Learning Gateway (Educational portal for athletes) and the program Olympic Athletes' Hub (Portal for Olympic athletes) and through the implementation plan of the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions.

Olympic Agenda 2020 is a strategic plan for the Olympic movement development, which was unanimously adopted at the IOC session in December 2014, of which Dr. Rukhledev was one of the experts. IOC President Thomas Bach noticed that working with athletes with different abilities and providing access to sport with all its opportunities and benefits is a fundamental Olympic value. Cooperation with the IOC gives new opportunities to the ICSD to realize the development goals and improve the status of Deaf sports. The Deaflympics become a significant event for any country that hosts them. It is also an indicator of socially orientated politics in different countries, depoliticization of questions of mutual relations between the two countries, and support of the Deaf all over the world who attain great heights in sports.

The opening of the new ICSD office in Lausanne (Switzerland) places the ICSD at the level of the most influential sports organizations in the world. This will also allow ICSD to interact with the IOC and with the SportAccord and SportAccord Convention, which is the umbrella organization for all International Sports Federations and associations.

One of the important steps in the development of the International Deaf Sports is the close cooperation with leading International Sports Organizations and Federations. This cooperation transfers deaf sport to a new level.

The organization of the international tender opens new horizons for the ICSD as it gives the organization an access to work with applications from interested cities from around the globe.



18th WINTER DEAFLYMPICS 2015, KHANTY-MANSIYSK / MAGNITOGORSK

On 20th February 2014 the ICSD made a decision to give the Russian Committee of Deaf Sports the right to conduct the 18th Winter Deaflympics 2015 in Khanty-Mansiysk, Ugra, Russia. The Winter Deaflympics in Ugra were held from the 28 March to 05 April, 2015.



The Governor of Khanty-Mansiysk — Ms. Natalia Komarova and the Deputy Governor – Mr. Alexei Putin were responsible for the preparations. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Deaflympics was the Minister of Sport of the Russian Federation, Mr Vitaly Mutko.

During March 24-26 at Khanty-Mansiysk city, here was a meeting of the ICSD Executive Board. During March 27 – 28, the 45th ICSD Congress was held, with 60 representatives of 109 ICSD member-countries.

Within two days the Congress participants discussed the issues relating to the ICSD anti-doping rules and their changes in accordance with the policies and rules of the WADA, the ICSD regulations on audiograms and hearing aids, the relationship with the International Olympic Committee and other international organizations as well as the draft of the new ICSD Constitution.

The opening ceremony took place on March 28th. By means of letters and video messages, the participants were welcomed by the Russian President, Vladimir Putin, the IOC President, Thomas Bach, and the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon. One of the main symbols of the opening ceremony was the Deaflympics Torch. Its relay took place on the streets of the city. The time of lighting the cauldron at the Central Square became a symbolic signal to the official Declaration of the opening of Deaflympics. 18 people, recommended and approved by the Russian Committee of Sports of the Deaf, took part in the relay of the Deaflympic torch. Among them there were outstanding athletes, coaches, artists, volunteers, who later participated in the organization of the Deaflympics. The Deaflympics cauldron was lit in the Central Square until the last day of the competition. At the end of each day there was a ceremony of awarding the winners in each discipline in the Central Square of the city.



The closing ceremony took place on 5 April in the concert hall "Ugra-classic". The official declaration of the closing of the Deaflympics was part of the ceremony. The closing ceremony was held to transfer the ICSD flag from the Head of the RCDS to the ICSD President.

The sports program of the Deaflympics was a record breaker. The Deaflympics were attended by 1000 athletes and sports teams from 27 countries: Austria, Armenia, Hungary, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Spain, Kazakhstan, Canada, China, Korea, Mongolia, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, USA, Turkey, Ukraine, Finland, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Sweden, Estonia and Japan. The medals were given in 17 disciplines in five sports: ice hockey, curling, alpine skiing, snowboard and cross-country skiing.

There were sports facilities for all five sports in the city. Competitions in alpine skiing took place on the slopes of the ski centre of Magnitogorsk.

31 sets of medals were prepared for the Deaflympics. The national team of Russia received 30 medals, which is a record for number of medals won at the Deaflympics. There were 12 gold, 6 silver and 12 bronze medals. The second team was the Czech Republic and in the third place was the USA in the medal standing.

The most entitled athlete of the 18th Deaflympics was Ms. Anna Fedulova from Russia for winning 3 gold medals in competitions. Ms. Fedulova became a ten-time Deaflympic champion. The greatest number of awards won at the Deaflympics in 2015 was by Mr. Vladimir Mayorov (Russia) with 4 medals in cross-country skiing and Ms. Tereza Knochova (CZE) with 5 gold medals in alpine skiing.

The Deaflympics in Russia became the most covered and attended in ICSD history. The competition was visited daily by about 5000 spectators and for 12 days of the Deaflympics facilities were visited by more than 60,000 people. Entrance to all competitions of the Deaflympics was free. Twice as many viewers watched the competitions through the Internet — all sports were broadcasted on the official website www.ugra2015.com.

The official broadcaster of the competition was Local broadcasting company Ugra. There were also broadcasted the opening and closing ceremonies of the Deaflympics. In addition OTRK Ugra published daily 'diaries of winter Deaflympics', where the brightest moments of the Deaflympics were shown.



Webcast and broadcast of the Deaflympics were viewed approximately by 10,000 spectators. The total number of viewers of the 18th Deaflympics broadcast was about 150 000 people. The press office of the competition released 750 news in Russian and English languages; there are more than 4800 photos. On the official website of the Deaflympics there were about 335 000 visits and nearly 2 000 000 page views.

There were volunteers and specialists who had experience in working during Olympics and Paralympics in Sochi in 2014. Thanks to this, the competitions were professionally covered and the most comfortable working conditions for the accredited media were created.

During the preparation period and holding of the Games in the media there were published more than 9600 materials for the period of competitions — more than 2500 materials in print and electronic media, on the radio and on regional and federal TV channels. 11 500 subscribers registered in the official groups in social networks.

Information partners were: Russkoe Radio, TV channel Ugra, VGRTK Russia-2, Sportbox, MIA Russia Today - R-Sport, the Internet portal Molniya-sport, the social network Vkontakte. Stories about the Deaflympics were broadcasted by federal TV channels: Channel One, VGRTK "Russia 24", VGRTK Russia 2, VGRTK Sports, NTV, Russia Today, Channel 5. The competition was covered by the major Russian news agencies: ITAR TASS, Interfax, RIA-Novosti.

The unique style and symbolism of the Deaflympics were registered in Rospatent and were used in souvenirs, to design Deaflympics facilities. According to the results of the national competition held by the Russian Committee of Deaf Sports, the baby mammoth was chosen as the mascot of the Deaflympics. More than 9 400 units of eight types were designed and produced.

Sponsorship and partnership of the Deaflympics were provided:

- "Gazprom Neft"
- Trade house Forward, the official provisioner Center of Equipment for Russian national teams
- Airline UTair
- GSK Yugoriya
- Moscow brewing company



The total number of accredited entities totaled 2,500 persons.

In accordance with the placement plan, a plan of transport logistics, including Shuttle service to and from the airport and to the competition venues, official ceremonies and official events of the Deaflympics was developed. The Organizing Committee looked after 1158 people.

There were organized 4 charter flights Moscow — Khanty-Mansiysk — Moscow, as well as the charter Khanty-Mansiysk — Magnitogorsk — Khanty-Mansiysk. UTair airline was involved which transported 1123 passengers and 33 tons of luggages. 353 participants arrived by regular flights.

450 volunteers from 11 regions of the Russian Federation took part in the organization of the Deaflympics. Among them there were representatives of six high and secondary educational institutions of Moscow, Novosibirsk and Khanty-Mansiysk. 90% of them could communicate in both Russian or International sign languages.

20 professional sign language interpreters from Tyumen, Moscow, Novosibirsk and over 150 volunteers with knowledge of Russian sign language and 50 volunteers with knowledge of international signs were a part of the volunteer Deaflympics movement. All volunteers were provided with a uniform and food. Nonresidents were granted accommodation. 100 professional interpreters of Russian sign language and international signs from Moscow, Novosibirsk, Ufa, Izhevsk, Tyumen, Belgorod and Ugra worked at the Deaflympics. As volunteer interpreters were invited, there were 52 students and a teacher of the Russian Social State University present.

The Deaflympics had 32 temporary mobile and fixed medical facilities, 98 health care workers and 17 units of medical equipment. To organise doping control during the preparation period and the Deaflympics, the RUSADA agency was chosen as they are accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).



Together with the ICSD, doping tests were conducted during the Deaflympics in Khanty-Mansiysk in different numbers for different sports:

- alpine skiing — 4
- cross country skiing — 14
- curling — 4
- snowboard — 12
- ice hockey — 10

Accommodation of persons having a hearing disability was equipped with individual alarming vibrating bracelets. Law enforcement officials worked at the Summer Deaflympics venues:

- 325 police officers
- 50 persons from private security companies
- 200 volunteers in the field of security
- 98 MES staff

Violations of public order did not occur during the 18th Winter Deaflympics.





23rd SUMMER DEAFLYMPICS 2017, SAMSUN

More than 6,000 people from 109 countries are arriving for the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun. There will be 200 persons working as technical personnel for 21 sports. The Deaflympics will be served by more than 500 judges.



The competitions will be held at 39 sporting venues in 8 districts of Samsun. All the sports venues are ready for competitions; some of them are absolutely new. The construction of the shooting range, bowling house and athletics stadium were completed in June.

Athletes and sports delegations representatives of almost 6,000 people will be hosted in the Deaflympics village. These are student dormitories of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Turkey. There are medical centres, massages and conference rooms and training facilities. In the international area there are ATMs, exchange offices, areas for cultural activities, entertainment and recreation venues.

A varied diet will be provided for athletes and representatives of sports delegations. Food choice takes into account the interests of different people, allergic and vegetarians. In any case, anyone can enjoy Turkish cuisine and national dishes.

About 1,000 people are placed in various hotels in the city. Some of the hotels in Samsun will present a national home for the guests and fans of the Deaflympics.

To address logistics issues, there will be 150 buses and 200 cars, which will deliver the athletes and delegations to various sports venues. Volunteers work at the airports. Throughout Samsun there are signs for deaf people. Depending on the size of the delegation, there will be a different number of assistants to help.

Increased security measures have been provided well before the start of the Deaflympics in Samsun and will be provided there until the last athlete or delegate leaves. The entire city is covered by cameras around the clock and there are security experts in special rooms in front of monitors. Experts monitor people's behavior to be able to prevent possible riots in advance. The city is patrolled by 5000 people, of whose 3500 are police officers, 1000 are agents of private security organizations and 500 are commandos. Security forces are disguised not to scare athletes and tourists. Security agents will not show their presence.



In connection with increased security measures athletes and spectators will use different entrances to the venues. At the entrance there will be exercised security control using a metal detector or manually. The security service specialists will work at the entrance and at the venues. Near each sports venue, there will be an ambulance service and a fire truck.

Volunteers work at the 23rd Summer Deaflympics in Samsun. There were 5040 applications and after the preliminary interviews, 2,000 volunteers were selected. 500 of them are deaf. The Minister of Youth and Sports of Turkey personally supervises the volunteers training. A lot of attention was paid to women's rights. 80% of volunteers are women; the remaining 20% are men.

Sign language classes were organized with volunteer groups. There is also a sign language professional school. Young people were trained in skills they may need for different situations. Volunteers were prepared for each type of organizational work. There are volunteers to work with delegations who know international signs, and volunteers who can help tourists to find the way around the city, and volunteers who work at sports venues— each field has its own peculiarities.

The organizers of the Deaflympics have created an official website www.deaflympics2017.org and app Deaflympics, where you can get all the necessary information. Information is available in two languages — Turkish and English. The website content is regularly updated. On the website of the Deaflympics you can read reports of recent events, find out the schedule and location, and watch videos in sign language. During the Deaflympics the competition results will be published in real-time.

In agreement with the ICSD 7% of the athletes will take drug tests. Every sports facility is equipped with a room for doping control. Doping control is carried out by the Turkish Anti-Doping Agency, which is accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Room for Audiology control is in the Accreditation Centre, where athletes will undergo audiometric control in line with the ICSD requirements.

The opening ceremony takes place on 18 July 2017 at the new stadium Samsun Tekkeköy. The opening ceremony is expected to include a cultural program and athletes march with national flags. The closing ceremony of the 23rd Summer Deaflympics takes place on 30 July 2017.

Throughout Turkey there is active promotion of Deaf sports. Information about Deaflympics 2017 is posted all over Samsun. Videos about the 23rd Summer Deaflympics are broadcasted on the Turkish Internet portals and on Turkish television. Turkish football players and other hearing athletes join these presenters with announcements about the Deaflympics in sign language. Politicians and other public people of the Turkish Republic are also coming along on this journey.



Tickets for the opening and closing of the Deaflympics will be distributed for free. There are also continuing active negotiations with Deaflympics sponsors.

VIP guests from the IOC are invited and member of the IOC, Mr. Sam Ramsamy, comes for the first time in the history of the Deaflympics. He supervises the Deaflympics, the Paralympics and the Special Olympics. Mr. Ramsamy will be a Congress member and he will be present at the opening ceremony and will attend some competitions of the 23rd Summer Deaflympics along with an IOC Sports Department official.

According to the Memorandum signed between the ICSD and the Olympic Channel the 23rd Deaflympics will be broadcasted on the Olympic Channel for the first time in history.





WORLD DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ICSD is the main governing body which is responsible not only for organizing the Deaflympics, but also World Deaf Championships.

The World Deaf Championships are major international competitions held at least once in four years. The World Championships are the second largest international competitions in different sports after the Deaflympics.

Sport for the Deaf is a competition, self-affirmation, and a way of social rehabilitation. Doing the same sports, sticking to the same rules as other athletes, while being hard of hearing, Deaf athletes achieve the same results and often are even better.

2013

8 – 18 February 2013 — World Deaf Snowboard Championships in Shukolovo, Russia

23 February – 2 March 2013 — 1st World Deaf Alpine Skiing Championships in Nesselwang, Germany (*13 countries*)

February 23 – March 2 2013 — 2nd World Deaf Curling Championships in Bern, Switzerland

10 - 20 March 2013 — 1st World Deaf Cross-country skiing Championships in Uvat, Russia (*5 countries*)

30 March – 6 April 2013 — 2nd World Deaf Ice Hockey Championship in Vantaa, Finland

2014

14 – 18 January 2014 — World Deaf Short Course Swimming Championships in Rochester, New York, USA

12 – 18 June 2014 — World Deaf Golf Championships in Traverse, United States (*14 countries: men — 65, women — 16 coaches — 30*)

8 – 15 June 2014 — World Deaf Handball Championship in Samsun, Turkey (*7 countries, only men*)

14 – 19 July 2014 — World Deaf Tennis Cup in Chattanooga, USA (*men from 12 countries, women from 8 countries*)

3 – 8 October 2014 — 1st World Deaf Youth Greco-Roman and Freestyle Wrestling Championship in Yerevan, Armenia (*12 countries, 147 athletes*)



2015

4 – 12 July 2015 — World Deaf Basketball Championships in Taiyuan, Chinese Taipei
(*men — 13 countries, women from 10 countries*)

15 – 16 July 2015 — 1st World Deaf Youth Badminton Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria
(*18 countries*)

18 – 25 July 2015 — 4th World Deaf Badminton Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria (*18 countries*)

20 – 26 July 2015 — 1st World Deaf Tennis Championships in Nottingham, UK

23 – 26 July 2015 — 1st World Deaf Youth Tennis Championships in Nottingham, UK

17 – 22 August 2015 — 4th World Deaf Swimming Championships in San Antonio, Texas, USA

5 – 9 August 2015 — World Deaf Orienteering Championships in Rochester, New York, USA

5 – 9 August 2015 — World Deaf Youth Orienteering Championships in Rochester, New York, USA

20 – 30 August 2015 — 3rd World Deaf Bowling Championships in Casalecchio di Reno, Bologna, Italy (*30 countries*)

19 – 28 November 2015 — 3rd World Deaf Futsal Championships in Bangkok, Thailand
(*350 athletes: men — 11 countries; women — 13 countries*)

2016

1 – 4 May 2016 — 2nd World Deaf Youth Greco-Roman and Freestyle Wrestling Championship in Tehran, Iran (*Juniors — 8 countries, cadets — 10 countries*)

5 – 10 May 2016 — 4th World Deaf Greco-Roman and Freestyle Wrestling Championship in Tehran, Iran (*16 countries*)

19 June – 2 July — 3rd World Deaf Football Championships in Capaccio, Italy (*17 countries*)



25 June – 3 July — 3rd World Deaf Athletics Championships in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

18 – 24 July 2016 — 3rd World Deaf Martial Arts Championships in Samsun, Turkey

18 – 24 July 2016 — 3rd World Deaf Beach Volleyball Championships in Samsun, Turkey

18 – 24 July 2016 — 3rd World Deaf Table Tennis Championships in Samsun, Turkey

22 – 29 July 2016 — World Deaf Golf Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark (*men 59, women — 13, trainers — 34*)

7 – 15 September 2016 — 1st World Deaf Shooting Championships in Kazan, Russia

2017

5 – 13 March 2017 — 3rd World Deaf Curling Championships in Sochi, Russia (*11 countries: men — 10 teams, women — 8 teams*)

12 – 18 March 2017 — 2nd World Deaf Alpine Skiing Championships at Innerkrems, Austria (*13 countries, 65 athletes*)

12 – 18 March 2017 — World Deaf Snowboarding Championship in Innerkrems, Austria (*6 countries, 18 athletes*)

19 – April 29 2017 — 3rd World Deaf Hockey Championship in Buffalo, USA (*5 countries*)



MEDIA

The ICSD is the owner of the global broadcast rights for the Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships - including broadcasts on television, mobile and internet platforms - and is responsible for allocating ICSD broadcast rights to media companies throughout the world through the negotiation of rights agreements.

ICSD is developing its internet resources, social media and covering a vast range of topics concerning not only the Deaflympics, but World Deaf Championships, the ICSD Executive Board activities, interesting facts about Deaf athletes, health, style, lifestyle and much more as well.

With media development, the ICSD will be able to make Deaf sports an integral part of content interesting to users. Through creating useful content and distributing it, the ICSD ultimately increases awareness and popularity for itself. Having your own media resource not only helps attract athletes, but also to create new audiences and educate these audiences about your work.



The work of the ICSD Media will be further developed. This will include content incorporating the latest news in Deaf sports, shared experiences, interviews with experts which will go towards educating and developing supportive audiences.

The production of information materials requires its own production studio. The studio produces photo, video and text materials for media distribution. Your own production allows you to control media products related to the ICSD activities. We hope to achieve this facility in due course.

ICSD content delivery is provided through existing media platforms: the official ICSD website, the organisation's pages in social networks and printed materials distributed by the administration during Congresses; and through other resources including the Olympic Channel website and the Deaf media all over the world.



Media content refers to ICSD activities and is valuable for athletes, people interested in sports and healthy lifestyle. It is not just an information service but also essential for marketing and logistics — intangible assets that make the ICSD a respected organization in the world community.

The provision of information is the most useful, relevant and practical information for sponsors, athletes, and people interested in sports and healthy lifestyle, which can be helpful for the Deaf community.

Media content directed at deaf audiences is best accompanied by international signs and subtitles to emphasize the needs of the Deaf community for inclusive e information. This is the same all over the world. Subtitles will be useful for those who do not know sign language.

We want to make ICSD content available on the media platforms on a regular basis. The ideal minimum frequency of publication is weekly

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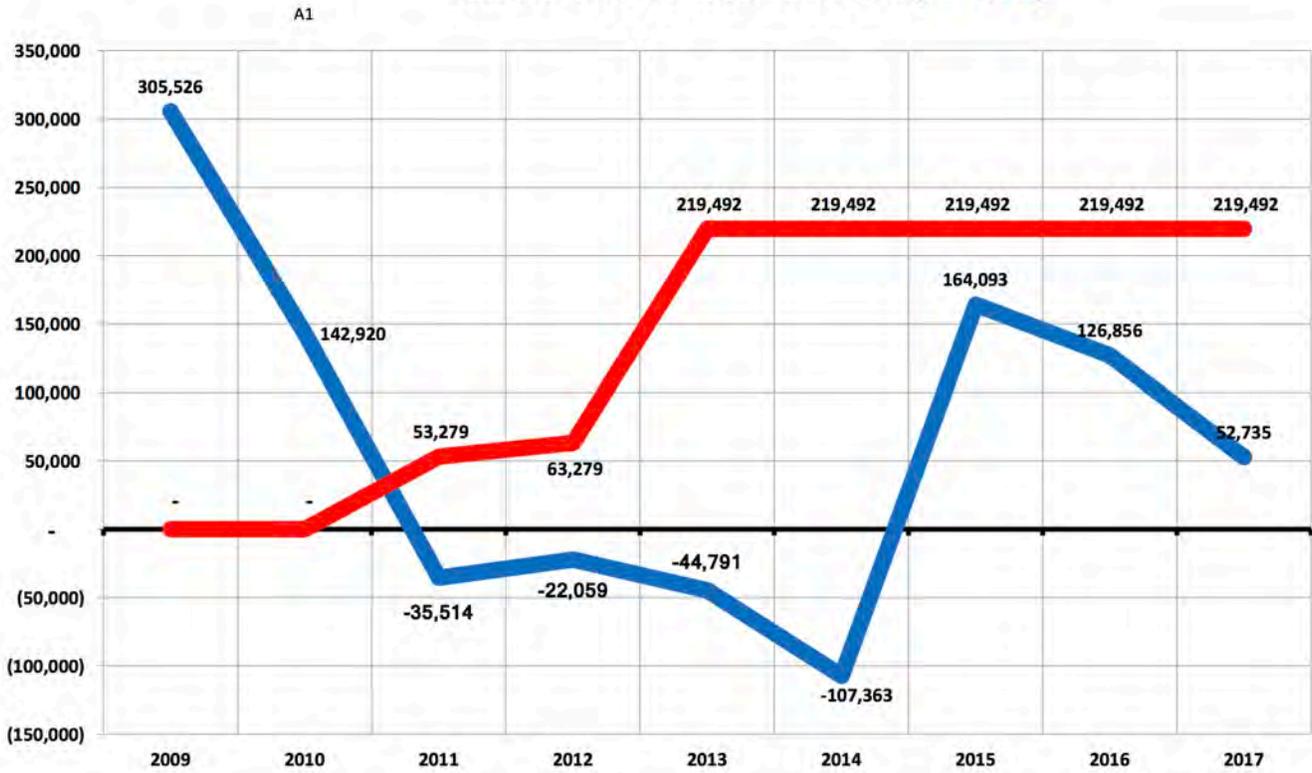
- Announcements, news
- Information including results of competitions
- Interviews
- Practical and useful reviews
- Documentaries including information about the history of Deaf sports





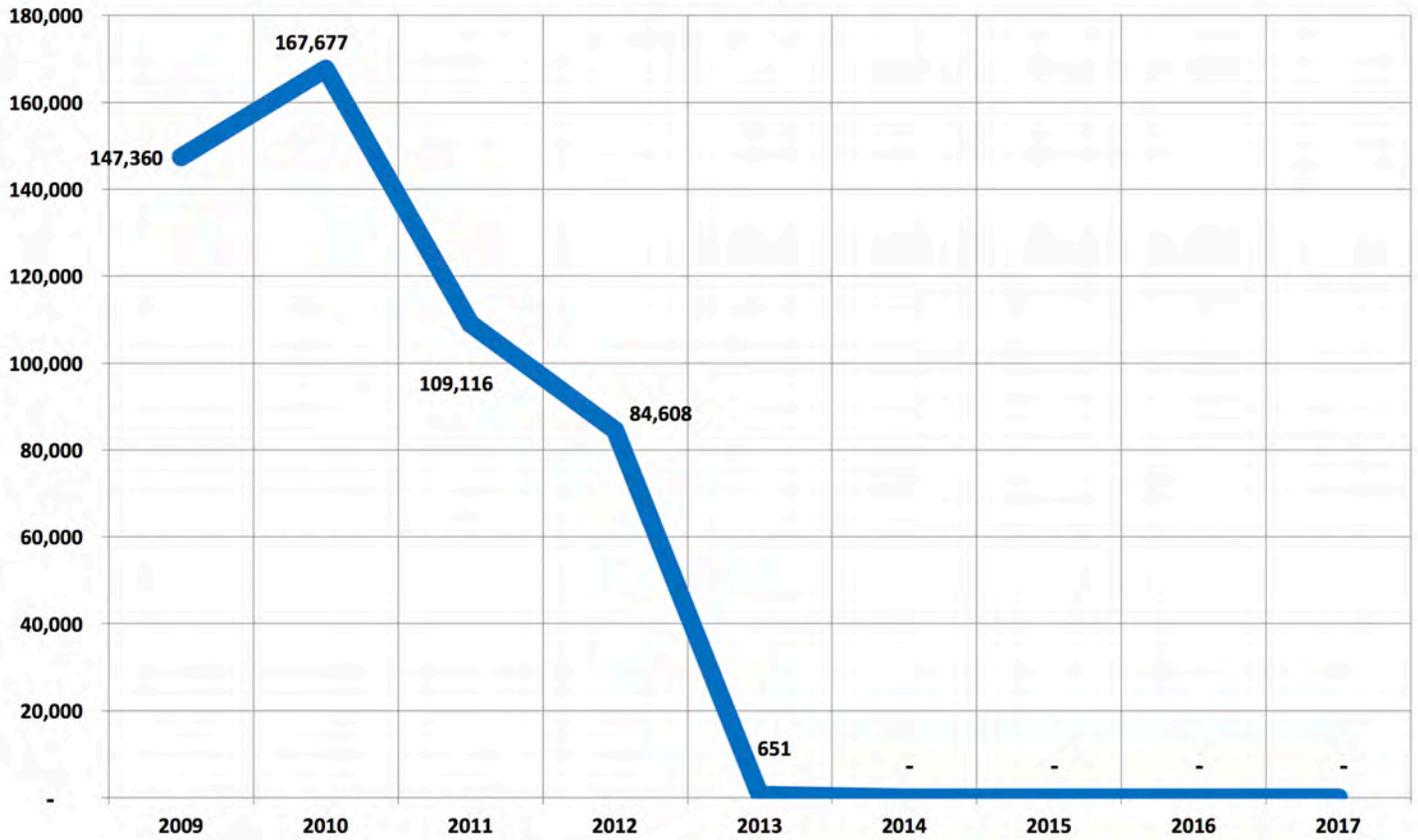
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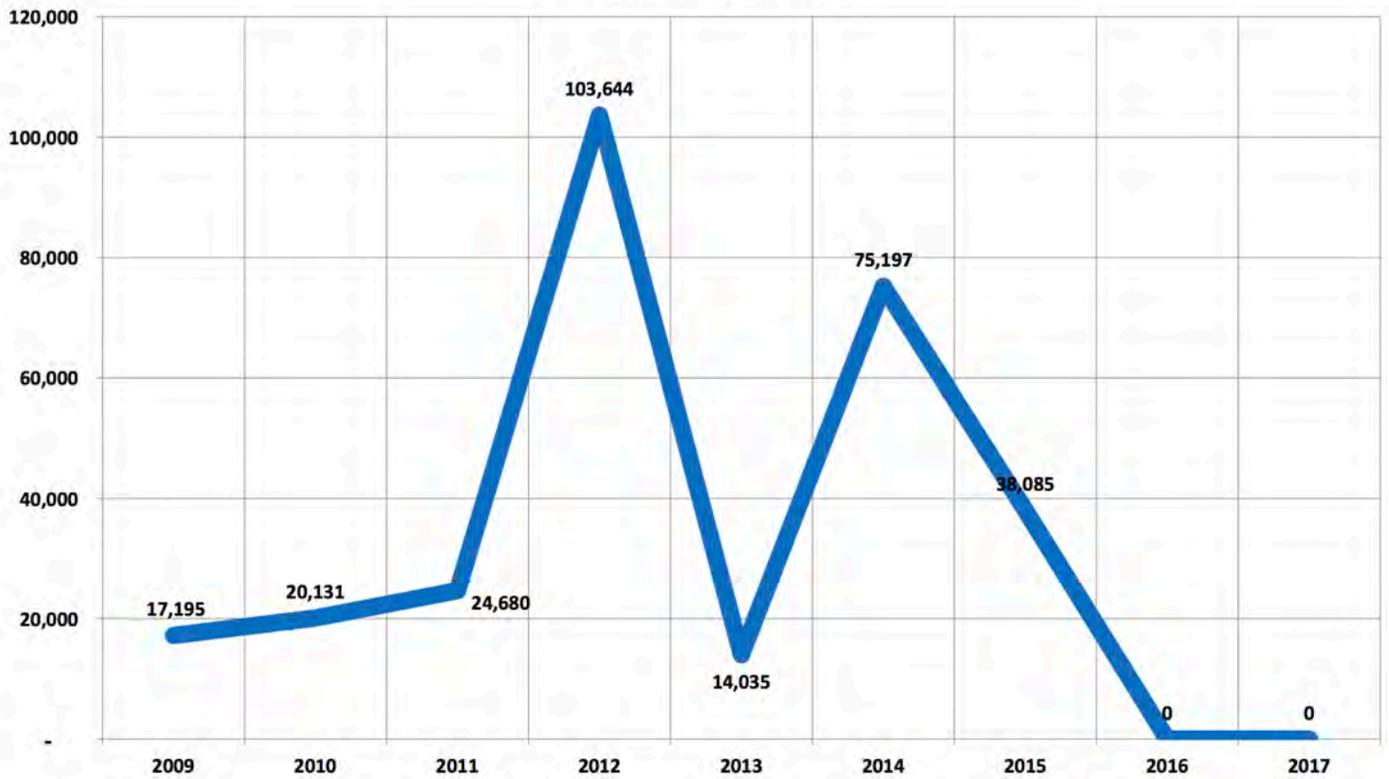


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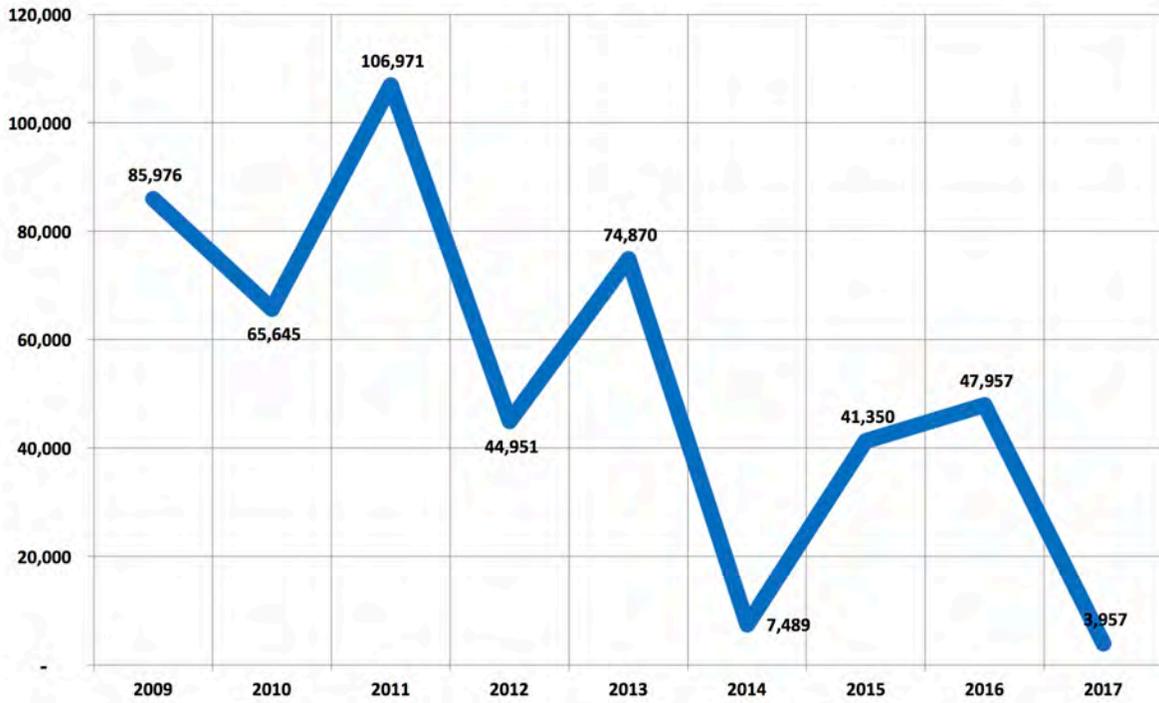


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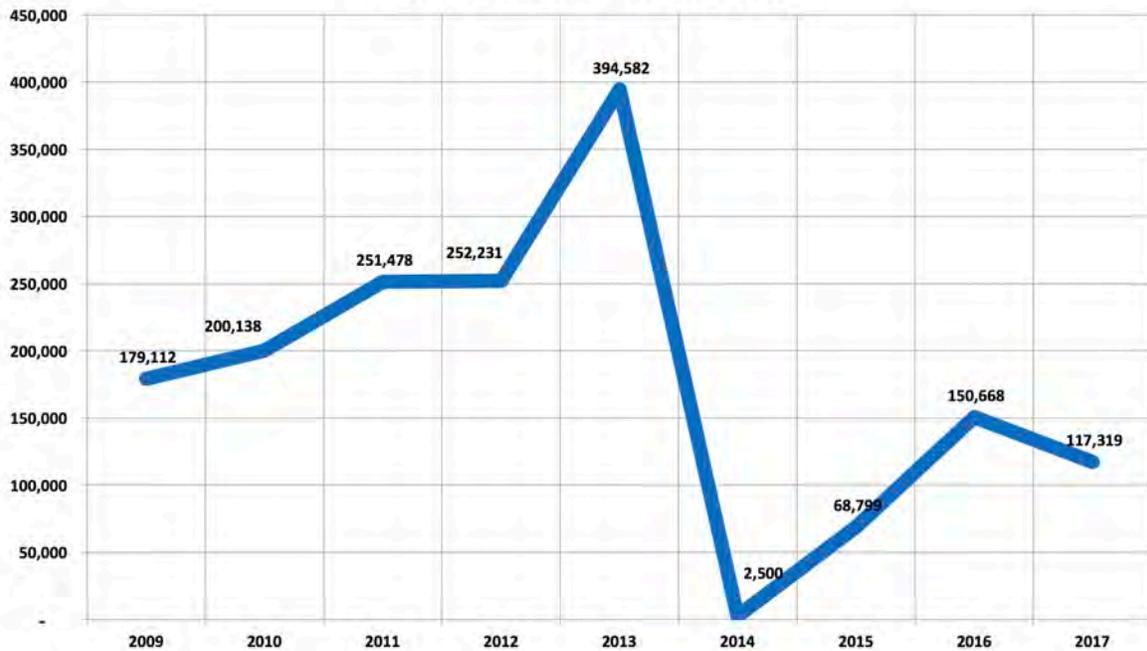




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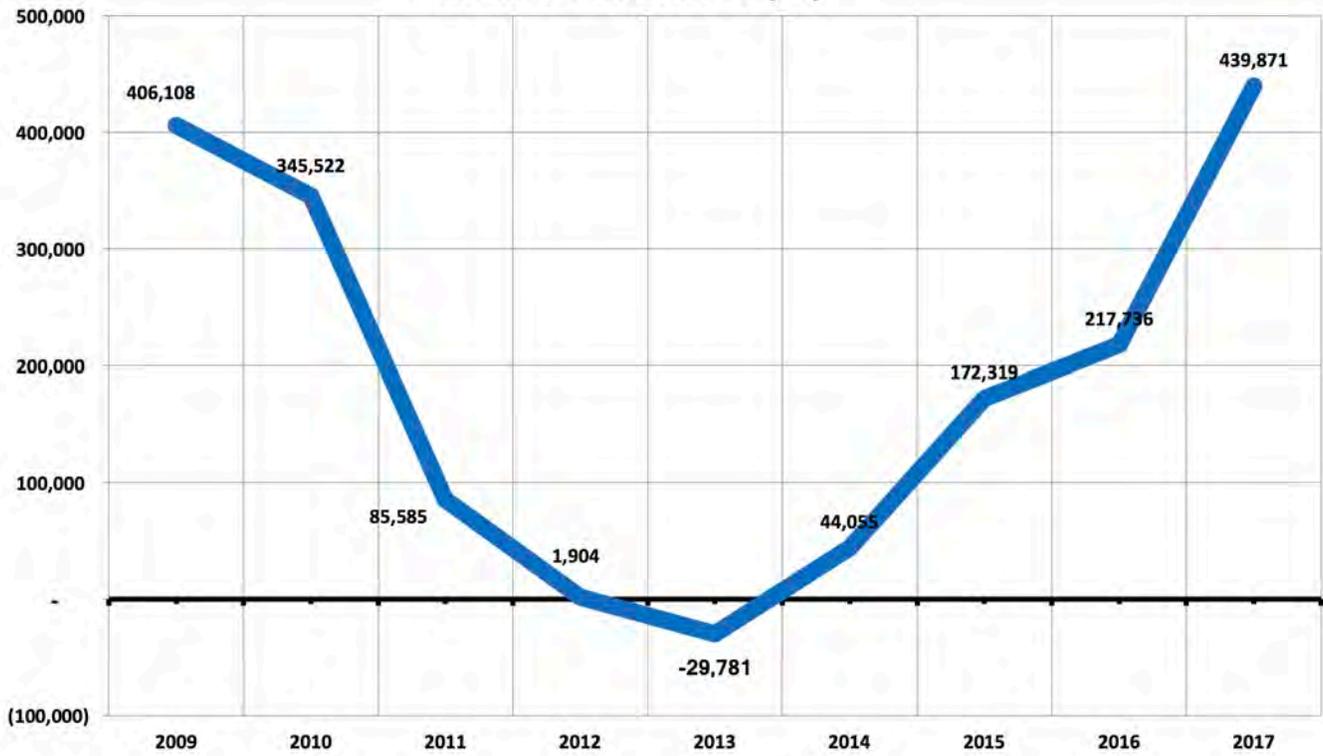


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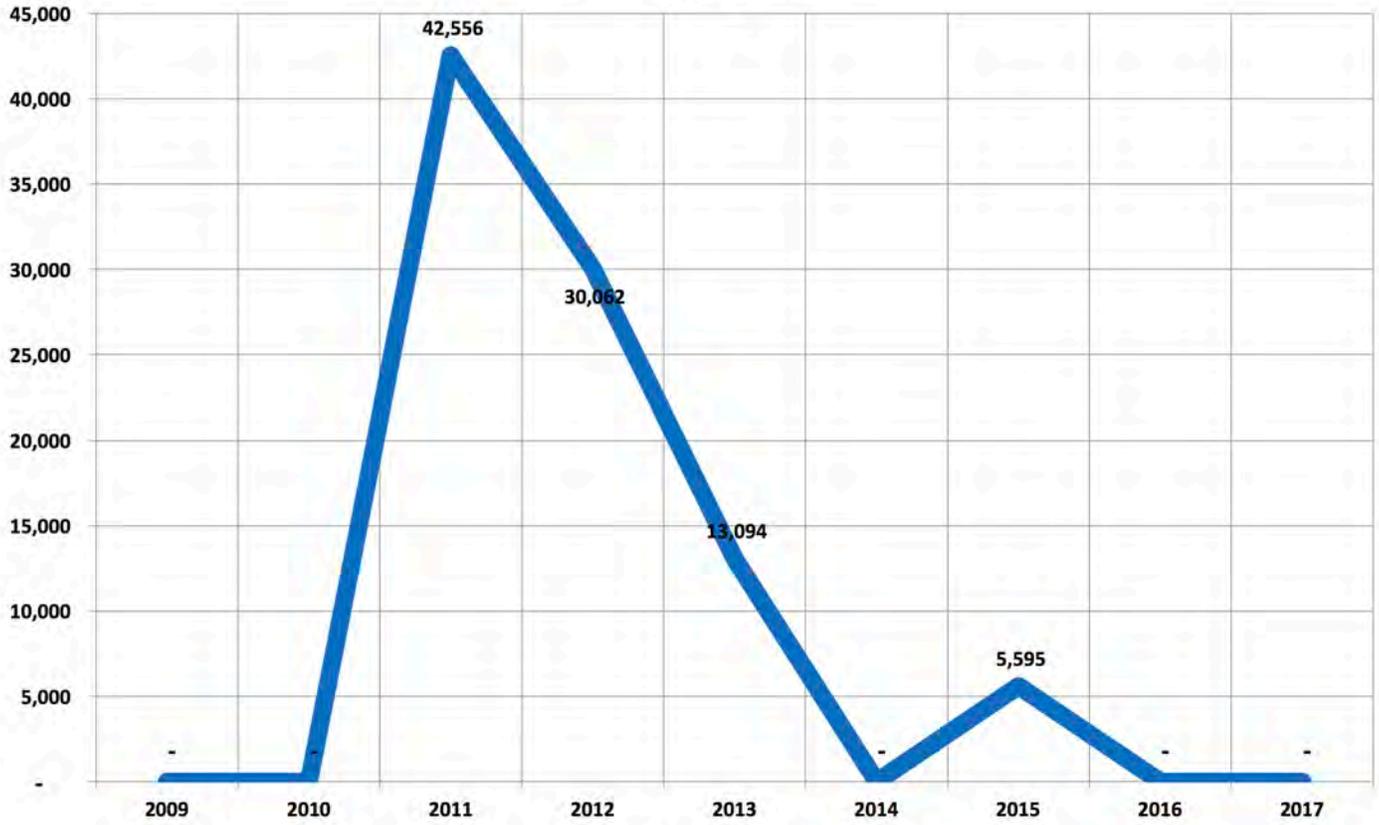


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Bad Debt (E15)





CONCLUSION

- The whole ICSD team did a great job to ensure that Deaf sports can be acknowledged and known around the world. We are all working on new achievements.
- Preparations are underway for the 1st World Youth Deaflympics in 2018/2019.
- We are working on an agreement with the government of more than one country on the hosting of the 19th Winter Deaflympics 2018.
- We anticipate a list of four candidate countries competing to host the 24th Summer Deaflympics 2021. The work is continuing.
- According to the Memorandum of Understanding with the IOC, there will be agreements with all International Sports Federations to ensure that they receive support from their NOC.
- The introduction of the new sports in the Deaf sports program is being considered
- Relations with the IOC Olympic Channel is being strengthened
- In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the ICSD and the IOC, there is a proposal before the board to develop a program for Deaf referees and to develop a program for deaf youth sports.
- With the IOC, we are working on seminars to improve Deaf sports.

The purpose of the ICSD is the Deaf sports development and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle. Together we make the world a better place every day. Through the partnership with the IOC we are in the Olympic Family, which unites people of different nationalities, beliefs, ideologies, religions and abilities. We share sports, cultural and moral values with people and strive to attract more media and international sports organizations attention to the development of Deaf sports.

This is the result of incredible work accomplished by the entire ICSD team! I want to thank each member of the ICSD Executive Board, Congress delegates, Head of every National Deaf Sport Federation, each Technical Director, each person who contributed to the development of the Deaf Sports and every athlete who believed in us and never gave up and achieved excellent results!