



41^s Congress Minutes – Bratislava

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

12-13 September 2008

12 September

1. Roll call:

48 countries and 48 votes (Argentina did not attend)

2. Appointment of Scrutineers:

Martin Bogard, Béla Pányi and Barbara Søndergaard – **Approved**

3. Welcome messages:

President Donald Ammons welcomed everyone to the Congress and Dwight Benedict CEO of Salt Lake City Organizing Committee welcomed all delegates to Salt Lake and provided updates on behalf of the 2007 Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee.

4. Confirmation of 39th Congress minutes:

Mr. Helder Duarte of Portugal felt that we could not approve the 39th Congress minutes (2005) because the 2005 meeting minutes the delegates approved to use “Deaflympics” and now we are not allowed to use the term “Deaflympics. President Ammons believed Mr. Duarte had misunderstood the intent and asked to just only approve the contents of the meeting minutes that were discussed in Melbourne 2005.

Passed with 72 YES, 6 NO, and 16 ABSTAIN

5. Admission and Recognition of National Federations:

A total of 4 countries have been approved for membership:

- Gambia - Gambia Deaf Sports Association (GDSA)
- Bolivia - Federacion de Deportes Bolivianos de Sordos (FEDEBOIS)
- Italy - Federazione Sport Sordi Italia (FSSI) (*transferred*)
- United Kingdom - UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) (*transferred*)

Passed with 90 YES, and 2 ABSTAIN

Marijo Lusic of Croatia wanted to briefly mention that delegates and ICSD are encouraged to help with Serbia Montenegro since the country is now split up which causes loss of manpower and resources.

6. ICSD Report 2005-2006 – Presentation was given by President Donald Ammons with a slide show. A copy of report booklet was distributed to each delegate. At the beginning of the report there was a section of “In Memoriam” where there was a one minute silence for all athletes, coaches, leaders, who had passed away since 2005.

There were comments from the delegates that they wanted to have these reports available ahead of time and mailed to them for their review before attending Congress. They do not want to receive this information at Congress. They also request to have all Commission Member names available and not limited to only Chair. Donald Ammons had responded that we would put this information up on the internet.



7. Finance Report 2005-2006

Terry Berrigan, a Deaf accountant hired by ICSD, provided the 2005-2006 financial report for review. He mentioned that due to the time of the year that the Congress was held, an audited report would have to be sent to each member country in a formal annual report later this year, hopefully by June 2007.

Sport Director Josef Willmerdinger reviewed the new proposed penalty fees for congress' approval. However, the delegates felt they did not have time to review and did not wish to vote on new proposed penalty fees, because it was not included in the proposal packet that was sent in November 2006.

It was then agreed to postpone it until the 41st Congress in Taipei

8. Proposal to declare Mr. Rafael Pinchas "persona non grata" (See proposal 65)

Croatia and Germany explained the rationale behind their proposal. Mr. Rafael Pinchas offered his defense. Then Mr. Kelby Brick, ICSD attorney, explained the history of the case and Mr. Pinchas' attitude toward ICSD. A 20 minute Q and A period was granted before casting votes.

Passed with 34 YES, 27 NO, 32 Abstain and 1 Invalid

Adjourned at 18:00

13 September

Roll Call:

49 countries and 49 votes (Argentina attended)

Remarks:

Before beginning the 2nd day of the 40th Congress, President Donalda Ammons had announced her resignation from ICSD, based on the results of the votes on Proposal #65. She interpreted it as a lack of respect for ICSD as an organization under her leadership. She expressed her gratitude for having served on ICSD board since 1995.

Vice President David Lanesman then took over in presiding. Shortly after that, Josef Willmerdinger, Sports Director and Siv Fosshaug, Member at Large had decided to resign from the Board as well.

After some frantic discussions, which indicated that the delegates misunderstood the voting procedures, the delegates then asked President Ammons not to resign for the sake of ICSD and suggested that a vote of confidence be taken, to show that they would like for her to stay as a President for the remainder of her term.

Vote results: 80 YES 18 NO

President Ammons agreed to return and continue to work for ICSD. Ammons then asked two board members, Josef Willmerdinger and Siv Fosshaug if they would also come back to work for ICSD. They replied that they would.



9. New Proposals for Adoptions (attachment in PDF)

- Constitution
- Deaflympics Regulations
- Deaf World Championships
- General

All proposals that have been approved would become effective immediately and updated on the website.

10. Applications and reports for Deaf World Championships

- 2008 World Deaf Volleyball Championship – Argentina – Approved
- 2009 World Deaf Ice Hockey Championship – Canada – Approved
- 2010 World Deaf Beach Volleyball Championship – Israel – Approved
- 2011 World Deaf Swimming Championship – Portugal – Approved

These other countries had an opportunity to provide updates for their upcoming World Championship events:

- 2007 World Deaf Futsal Championship – Bulgaria
- 2008 World Deaf Football Championship – Greece
- 2008 World Deaf Wrestling Championship – Armenia
- 2008 World Deaf Athletics Championship – Venezuela

Details can be found on our Calendar of Events on Deaflympics website, (<http://www.deaflympics.com/games/calendar.asp>)

11. Final Report from 2005 Summer Deaflympics (attachment in PowerPoint)

12. Progress Report from 2009 Summer Deaflympics

Please click on this URL to get summarized progress report on 2009 Summer Deaflympics (<http://www.deaflympics.com/news/enews/backissues.asp?ID=1125>)

13. Progress Report from 2011 Winter Deaflympics

They plan to provide more information in the upcoming months through our ENEWS.

14. Selection of the 2013 Summer Deaflympics – **Approved by ALL for ATHENS, GREECE** to host the 22nd Summer Deaflympics in 2013. Electronic version of Greece bid presentation will be sent to each National Sports Deaf Federation through email.

15. Adjournment – 17:30



DEAF SPORTS REFORM

FINAL DRAFT

**41st ICSD Extraordinary Congress
Bratislava / SVK, 11-13.09.2008**



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DEAFLYMPIC MOVEMENT

Why do we have *SPORT*?

Because *sport* is:

- element of basic human rights and existence
- demonstration of peace and respect
- development of spiritual depths and physical excellence

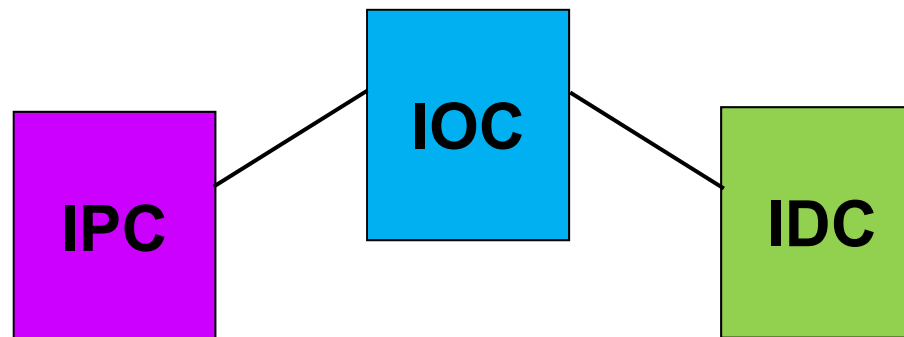
New Heights for *Sport* through *Olympism*

- In deaf sports, the basic ideals of Olympism are fulfilled through **Deaflympic Movement.**



MAIN GOAL OF REFORM

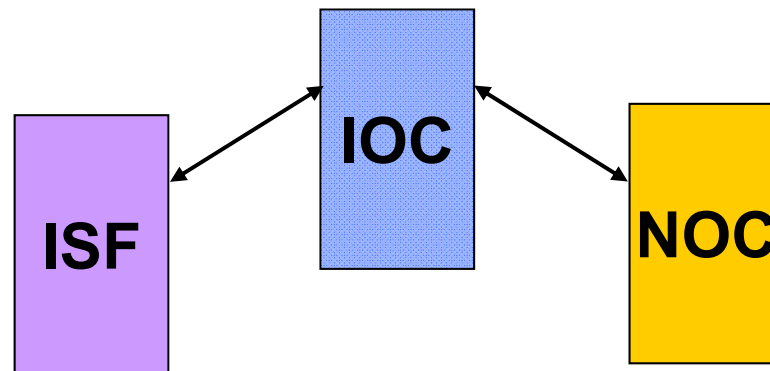
- The main goal of the **Deaf Sport Reform (“Reform”)**
 - the **International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)** will be recognized by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** as an **equal organization** to the **International Paralympic Committee (IPC)**.
- We define the ***Deaflympic Movement*** as a **realization of the ideals of the *Olympic Movement*** in the deaf sporting community.





OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

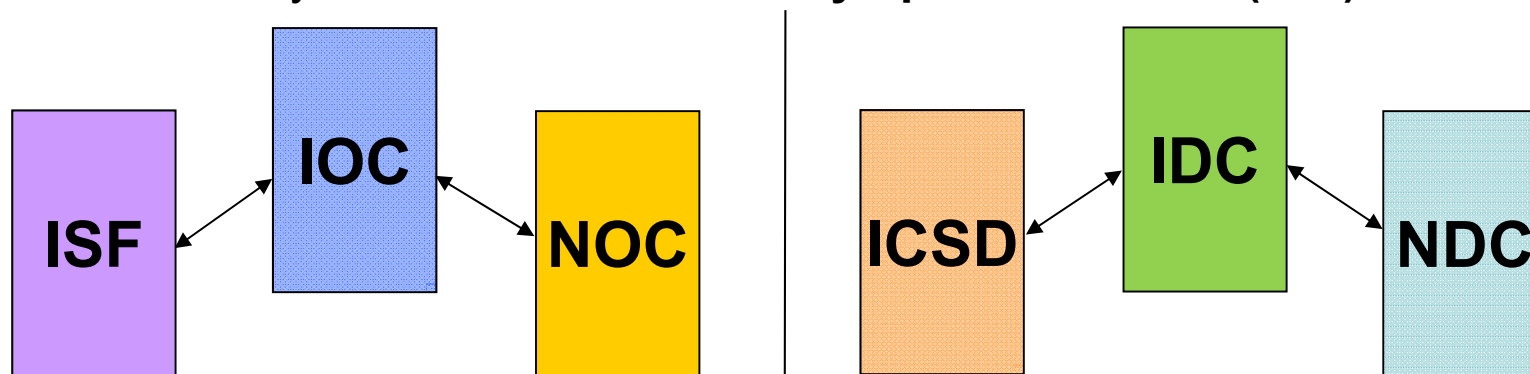
- **Chapter 1 of the Olympic Charter** - “Composition and General Organisation of the Olympic Movement” states that **the three main constituents of the Olympic Movement are:**
 - the International Olympic Committee (IOC),
 - the International Sports Federations (ISFs)
 - the National Olympic Committees (NOCs).
- ❖ **The Deaflympic Movement shall follow this basic triple system.**





DEAFLYMPIC MOVEMENT

- Similar to our new vision, the three main constituents of the **Deaflympic Movement** shall consist of:
 - the **International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)**
 - the **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)**
 - the **National Deaflympic Committees (NDC)**
- **The “Reform”** will introduce a new structure to the world of deaf sports, to be directed by the **International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)**:



- **ICSD will also be responsible for the national deaf sport federations (NDSF – 98 countries). National deaf sport federations (NDSF) are structurally associated according to regional confederations (EDSO, APDSC, PANAMDES, CADS).**
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INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Deaflympic Branch

- As agreed at the Deaf Sport Reform Symposium in Zagreb, July 2007, our structure will be supplemented with the area of ***deaf sport for children and youth.***
- As a result, the ***Deaflympic Movement*** will have **3 main branches:**
 - ***Deaflympic*** branch
 - ***World Sport*** branch
 - ***World Youth Sport*** branch

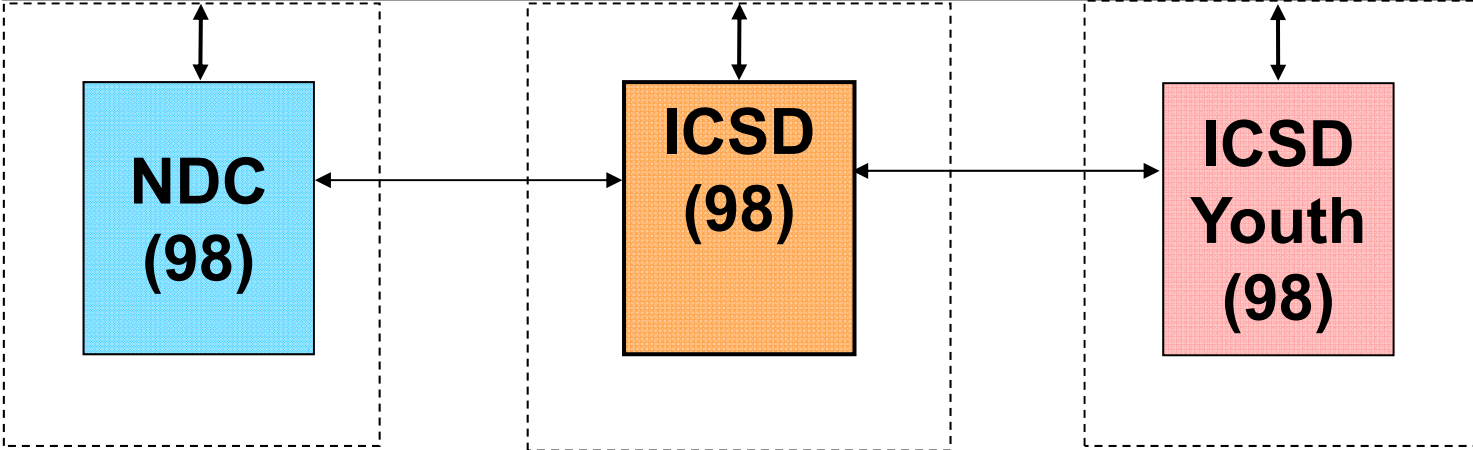


INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Global Structure- triple system

Secretariat Office
Supporting staff for
•Deaflympic Branch
•World Sport Branch
•World Youth Sport Branch

International Deaflympic Committee



Deaflympic
Movement:

**DEAFLYMPIC
BRANCH**

**WORLD SPORT
BRANCH**

**WORLD YOUTH SPORT
BRANCH**



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Global Structure

- ❖ **IDC** will coordinate a **calendar of international competitions**, where the functional cycle is every 4 years – This way it is possible to prepare a calendar for following 2 Deaflympic cycles, for 8 years in advance, for regional sport championships as well as other important sport international competitions (world championships, regional championships, qualifications, world cups, regional cups, etc.).
 - **National Deaflympic Committee (NDC)** exists in some National Deaf Sports Federations but the number is still low. This **NDC committee** would support Deaflympic athletes attending **Winter and Summer Deaflympics**.
 - **ICSD with the new structure** is responsible for international sport on the level of World Championships, World Cups and similar worldwide ranking competitions of the Deaf. Regional sport deaf confederations are responsible for regional international competitions of the Deaf.
 - **ICSD Youth with the new structure** is responsible for international Deaf children and youth sports. Regional sport deaf confederations are responsible for regional international competitions of the Deaf.

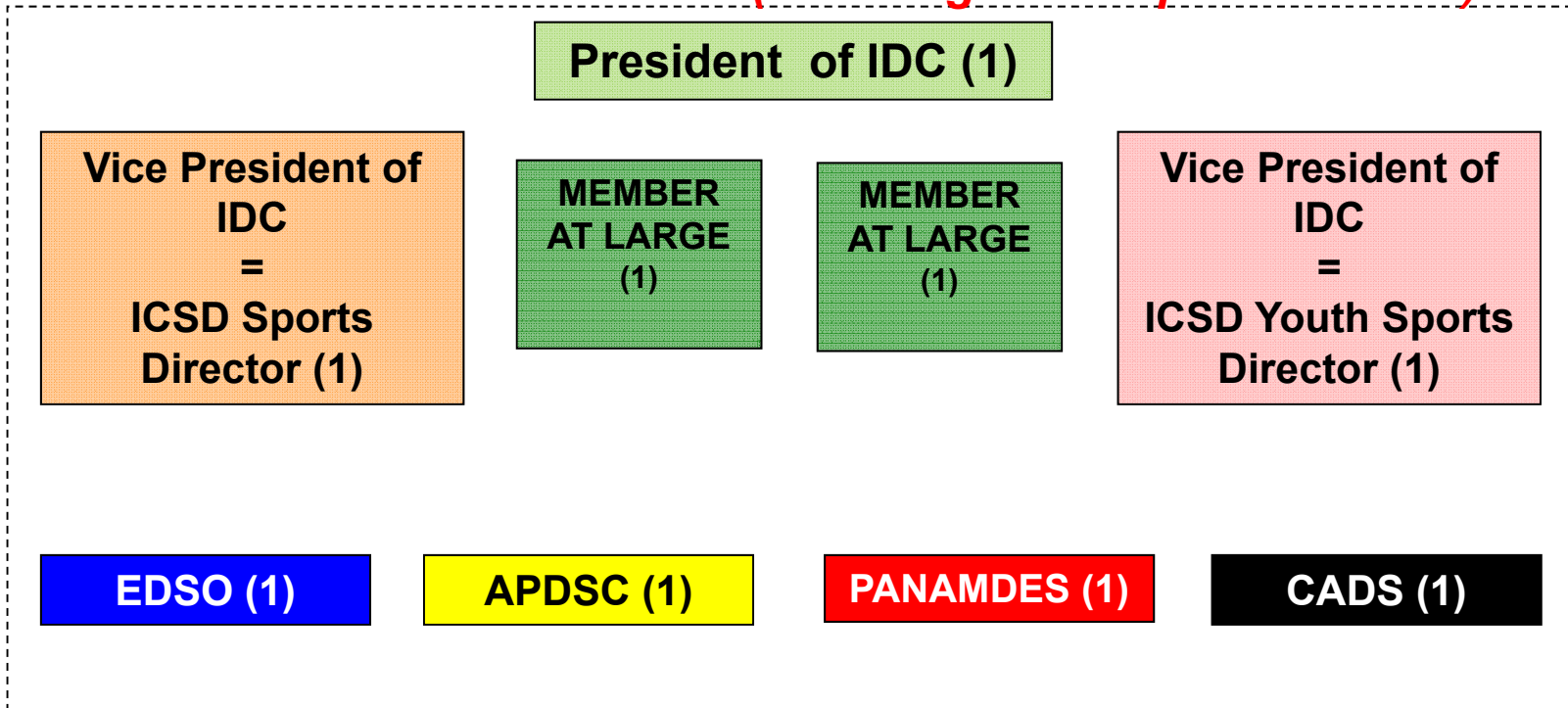


INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Executive Committee

International Deaflympic Committee (IDC)

Executive Committee of IDC (5 + 4 Regional Representatives)





INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Congress structure

- **IDC President and 2 Members at Large** of **IDC Executive Committee** are **elected** at IDC Congress every 4 years according to our current Constitution.
- Elected IDC President together with two other elected Members at Large of IDC Executive Committee will appoint **two (2) paid Directors** to represent **ICSD and ICSD Youth**, based on recommendations from NDSF and/or allied organizations.
- The **duration of IDC Congress** shall be **3 days** to give everyone an opportunity to discuss on three different topics: IDC, ICSD, and ICSD Youth.
 - **Day 1** – Workshop on world deaf sports for children and youth.
 - **Day 2** – Workshop on world deaf sports for adults (world and regional championships, qualifications, etc.)
 - **Day 3** – IDC Congress (traditional congress)



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

World Sport Branch

Secretariat Office
Supporting staff for
•World Sport Branch

International Committee of Sport for the Deaf (ICSD)

Vice President of IDC
=
ICSD Sports Director (1)

Secretary General
of ICSD (1)

Assistant Director
(1)

EDSO
World Sport
Representative
(1)

APDSC
World Sport
Representative
(1)

PANAMDES
World Sport
Representative
(1)

CADS
World Sport
Representative
(1)



INTERNATIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Youth Sport Branch

Secretariat Office
Supporting staff for
•YouthSport Branch

**International Committee of Sport for the Deaf
for Children and Youth (ICSDCY)**

**Vice President of IDC
=
ICSD Youth Sports Director (1)**

**Secretary General
of ICSDCY (1)**

**Assistant Director
(1)**

**EDSO
Youth Sport
Representative
(1)**

**APDSC
Youth Sport
Representative
(1)**

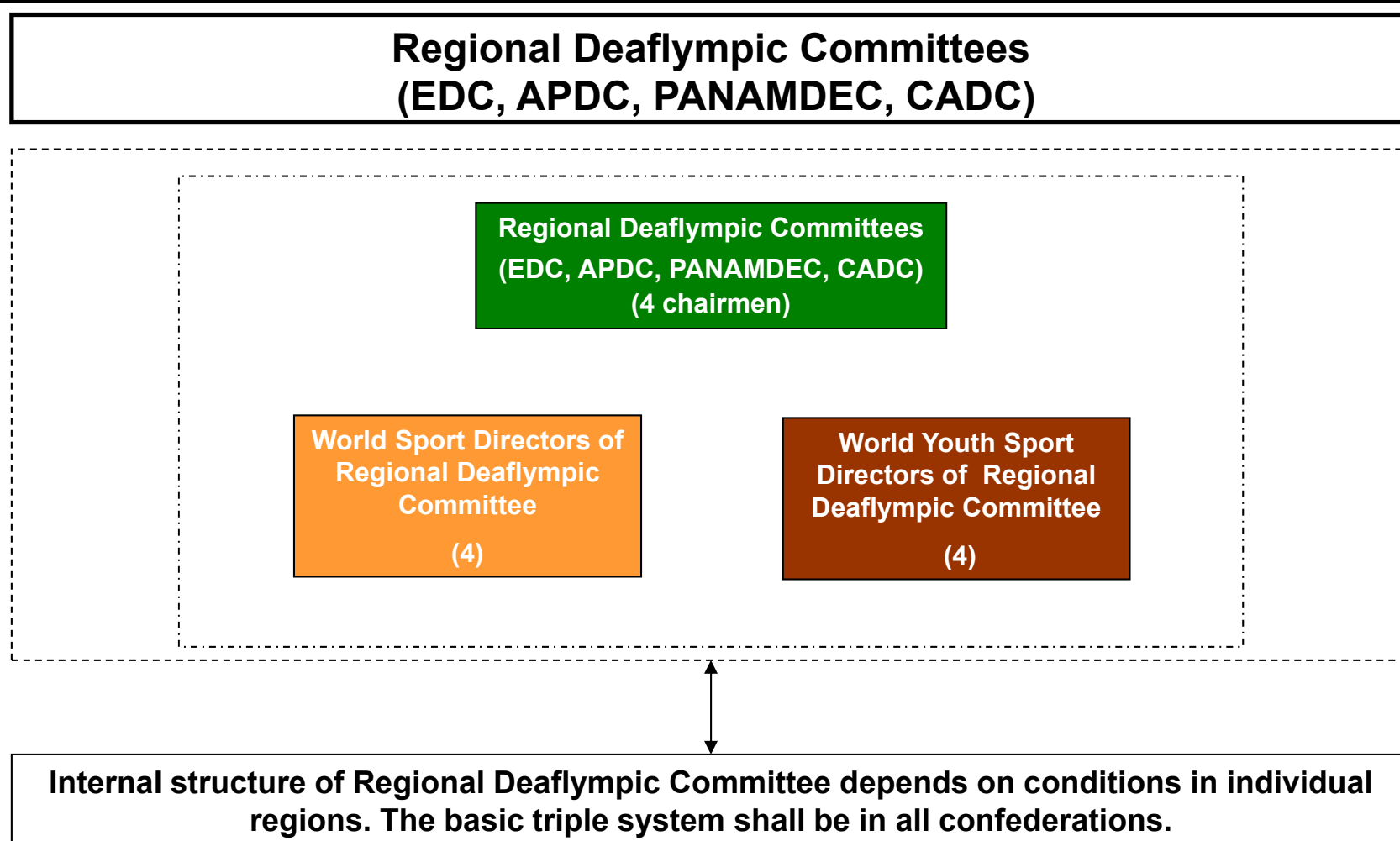
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REGIONAL DEAFLYMPIC COMMITTEES

Structure

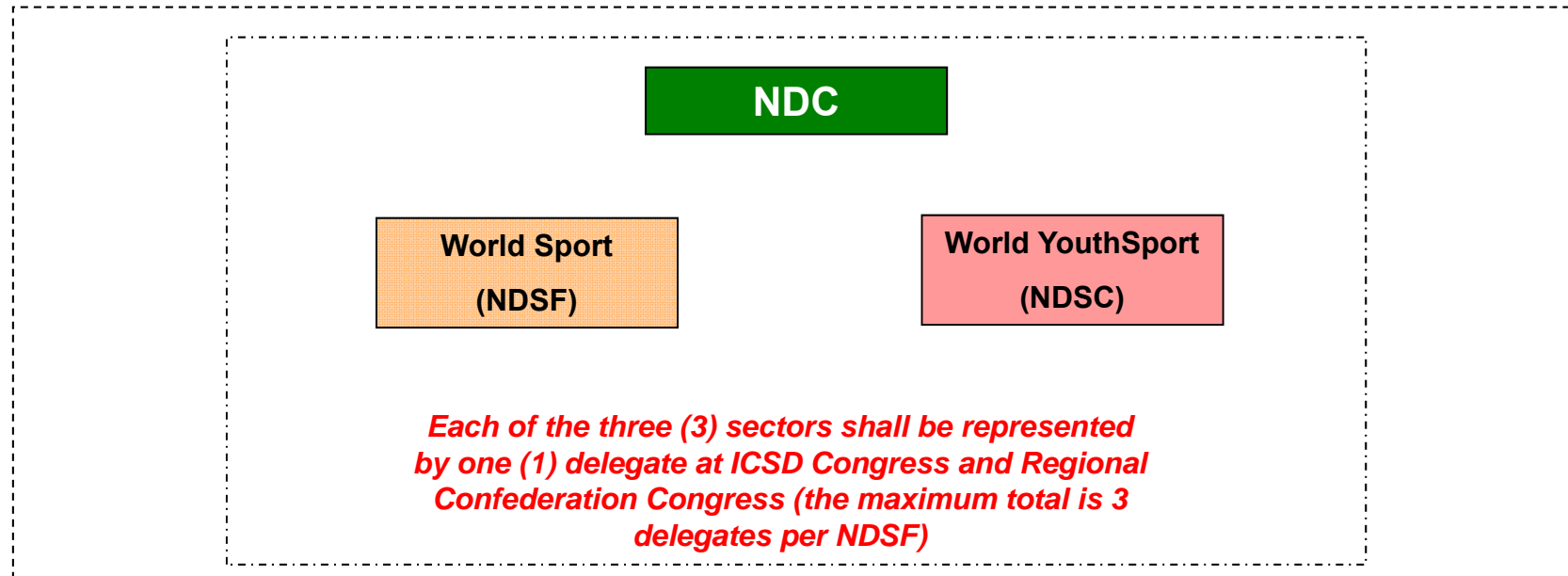




NATIONAL DEAF SPORTS FEDERATION

Structure

**National Deaf Sports Federation
(in EDSO, APDSC, PANAMDES, CADS)**



Internal structure of NDSF depends on conditions in individual countries.



TECHNICAL COMMISSION *Structure*

WC – World Championships

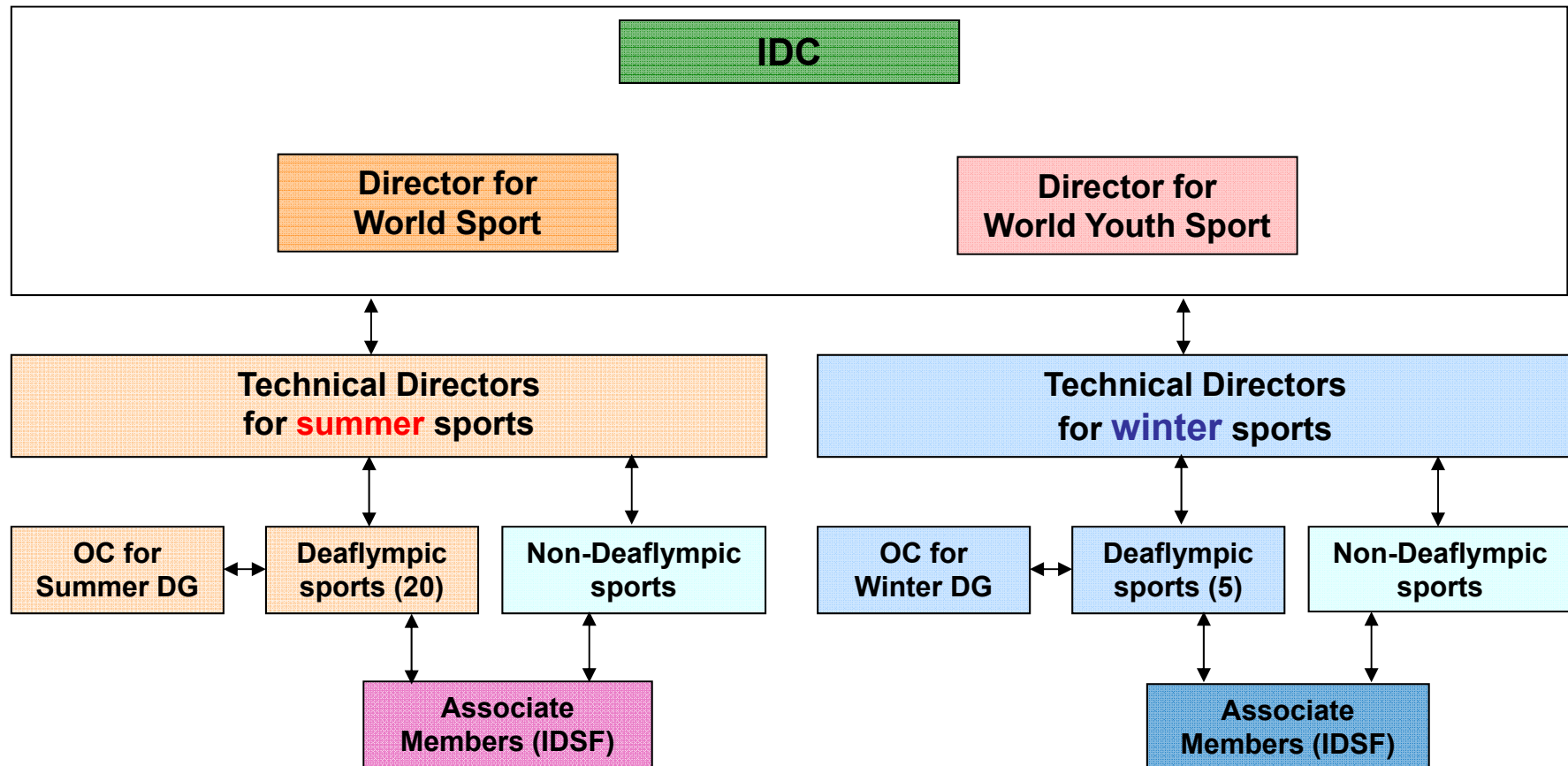
WCY – World Championships for Children and Youth

OC – Organizing Committee

DG – Deaflympic Games

RC – Regional Championships

RCY – Regional Championships for children and Youth





TECHNICAL COMMISSION

Structure

- ❖ **Technical Commission is directed by technical team whose members are Technical Directors, ICSD Sports Director, International Deaf Single Sport Federation (IDSF) as associate members and ICSD Youth Sports Director.**

- **Technical Directors**
 - Members of technical commissions for summer and winter sports are Technical Directors of individual sports.
 - Members of technical commission for summer and winter youth sports consist of the same Technical Directors of individual sports

- **ICSD Sports Director**
 - Responsible for management and technical matters related to sport regulations and rules of Summer & Winter Deaflympics and world deaf championships, in both Deaflympic and non-Deaflympic sports.
 - Responsible for providing technical assistance to Organizing Committees of World Championships.
 - Organizing Committees of World Deaf Championships and Organizing Committees of Regional Deaf Championships cooperate with the ICSD Sports Director in the area of sport regulations and rules.

- **IDSF-Associate Members (wherever applicable)**
 - Responsible for promoting the sport and function as the authority for the technical aspect of one (1) sport and shall be in pursuance with the objects and principles of relevant GAISF recognized international sports bodies with aims, objects and purposes consistent with the IDC Constitution and Technical Commission.

- **ICSD Youth Sports Director**
 - Responsible for management and technical matters related to sport regulations and rules of world deaf junior championships, in junior categories for Deaflympic and non-Deaflympic sports.
 - Responsible for providing technical assistance to Organizing Committees of junior championships.
 - Organizing Committees of World Deaf Championships in junior categories and Organizing Committees of Regional Deaf Championships in junior categories cooperate with ICSD Youth Director in the area of sport regulations and rules.



SECRETARIAT OFFICE

Structure

Secretariat office **Supporting staff for IDC, ICSD, ICSD Youth**

The Secretariat Office will be the centralized office for all three branches. This office will provide support for database, audiogram, financial services, membership services and various programs. Since the three branches are located in different locations, it is critical that we have a centralized office.

The Secretariat office staff members will include but not limited to:

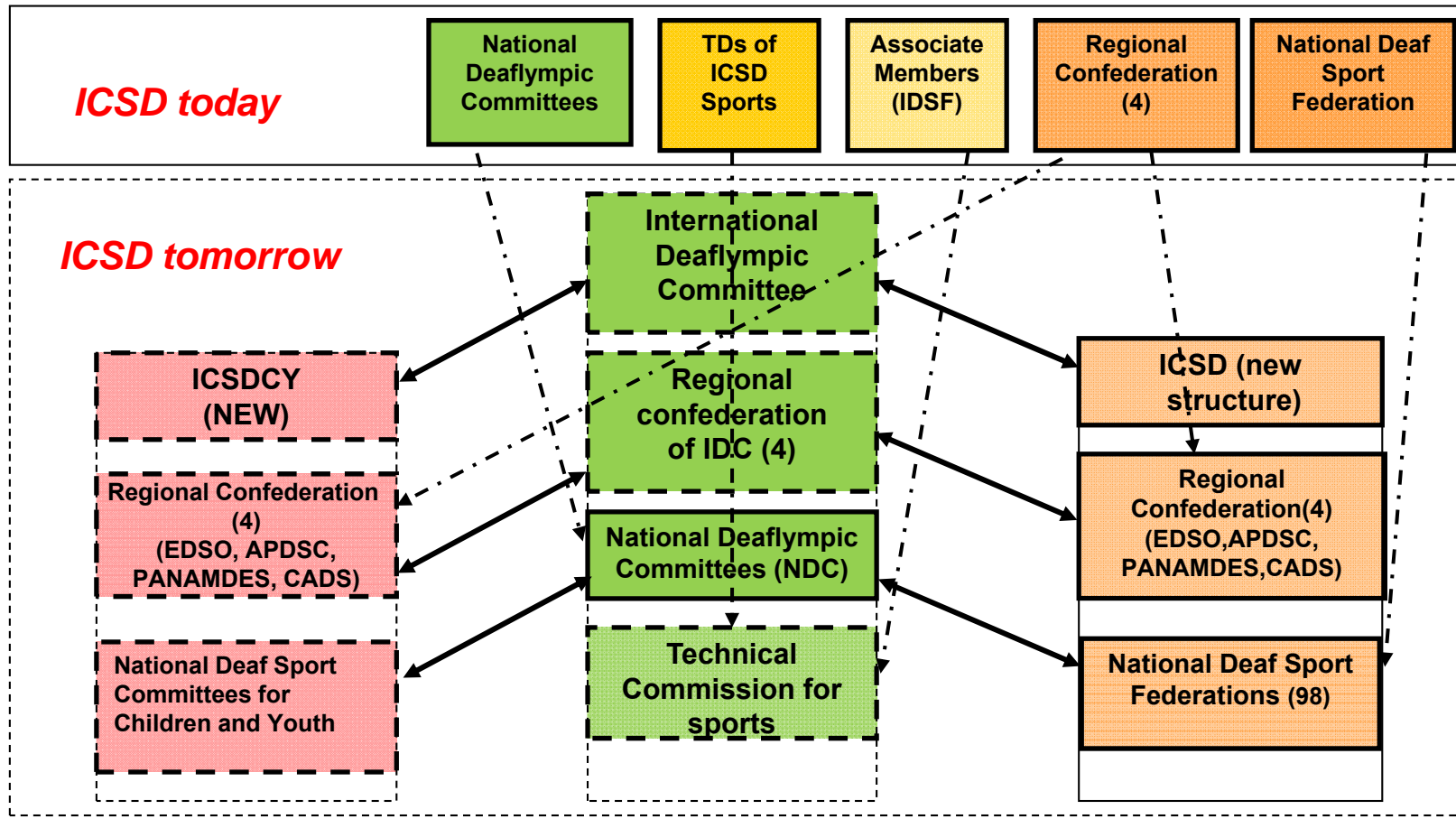
- **Executive Director**
- **Financial Officer**
- **Technical Operations Manager**
- **Program Development Coordinator**
- **Marketing and Public Relations Team**
- **Supporting Staff Team for Congress and NDSFs**

This is an example of what the centralized office will provide support to all NDSF members and three (3) branches. There shall be between 15 and 20 paid employees.



TRANSFER FROM OLD TO NEW STRUCTURE

How will this structure start up from the present condition?





OVERVIEW OF NEW IDC STRUCTURE AND CHANGES IN THE CURRENT-NEW STATE

- **IDC shall have three (3) main documents:**
 - ***Deaflympic Charter***
This **central** document will define the ***Deaflympic Movement*** as a part of the *Olympic Movement* and will guarantee claiming of all principles of the *Olympic Charter* within the deaf sports community.
 - ***IDC Organizational Regulations***
This document will describe individual components of IDC organizations and bodies, their activities, rights and duties.
 - ***IDC Competition Rules***
This document will contain conditions for international deaf sport competitions at all levels.
- *Transformation from the current to a new state should be in progress so that the 42nd IDC Congress in TAIPEI 2009 will be held according to the new structure and new main IDC documents, including elections of new IDC bodies.*



SUMMARY

The ideas outlined here may be only a beginning
....of a great concept

Certainly, we shall expect much more tasks
and gradual steps in the near future.

Near future is not far – it comes at the
41st ICSD Extraordinary Congress
in Bratislava, 11-13 September 2008.

The most important tasks shall be:

- to support the concept for reform by
 - agreeing to implement changes in **phases**
 - securing necessary funding to **support programs outlined in this reform.**
- to pursue and fulfill these **goals and visions** in our **quest to raise standards and quality of deaf sports worldwide.**