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Allianz Athlete of the Month named for
January, December



Belgian wheelchair tennis player Joachim Gerard and United Arab Emirates shooter Abdulla Sultan Alaryani received the honours for December and January, respectively.

- [More on Joachim Gerard](#)
- [More on Abdulla Sultan Alaryani](#)

IPC rebrands social media to @Paralympics



The IPC has made it easier for fans to find them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, G+ and YouTube. Followers just have to add “Paralympics” to the end of any URL on those platforms to find the official account.

- [More on the IPC rebranding its social media](#)

National Paralympic Committees (NPCs)

**Canadian NPC, NOC sign historic MoU;
Canada to host first para-badminton
nationals**

A new sport memorandum of understanding (MoU) was introduced by the Canadian Olympic

Committee, Canadian Paralympic Committee, Own the Podium, the Province of British Columbia (BC) and viaSport BC, whereby the five partners commit to collaboration on a set of pertinent principles.

Additionally, Canada will also host its first para-badminton national Championship in May.

- [More on Canada NPC, NOC's MoU](#)
- [More on para-badminton in Canada](#)

Nemati to be Iran's flag bearer at Olympics

Iranian archer Zahra Nemati, who won gold at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, has been chosen to be Iran's flagbearer at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

- [More on Nemati as the flag bearer](#)

Cadbury contributes to New Zealand, Australian NPCs



Cadbury will be contributing NZD 200,000 to support the New Zealand Paralympic team on the road to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and AUD 1 million to the Australian Paralympic Team.

- [More on Cadbury's contribution to NPC New Zealand](#)

- [More on Cadbury's contribution to NPC Australia](#)

CPB to reward athletes for medals at Rio 2016

The Brazilian Paralympic Committee (CPB) expects to award approximately BRL 3 million to athletes who win medals at the 2016 Paralympic Games.

- [More on CPB awarding its athletes](#)

Spanish NPC lands two more sponsors

Food company ElPozo and Valencian sportswear company Luanvi will sponsor the Spanish Paralympic team on the road to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

- [More on NPC Spain's new partnerships](#)

OCS Group Ireland sponsors Irish Paralympic team

One Complete Solution Limited (OCS) Group service provider will sponsor the 2016 Irish Paralympic team and the 2016 OCS Irish Paralympic Awards, to be held in December of this year.

- [More on OCS supporting Team Ireland](#)

NPC Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan Airlines sign cooperation agreement

The cooperation provides transfer of athletes to international sports Championships and World Cups where Azerbaijan Airlines (AZAL) flies, among other benefits.

- [More on NPC Azerbaijan, AZAL's agreement](#)

Russian, Colombian NPCs celebrate anniversaries

Russia's President Vladimir Putin, IPC President Sir Philip Craven and IPC Vice President Andrew Parsons joined the Russian Paralympic Committee in celebrating its recent 20th anniversary.

The Colombian Paralympic Committee also celebrated 15 years of its constitution, sending a message to its community that recognised how far the organisation has come in developing para-sport in the country.

- [More on NPC Russia's 20th anniversary](#)
- [More on NPC Colombia's 15th anniversary](#)

Perez picks up third National Sports Award



Paralympic champion Amalia Perez was presented with her third National Sports Award by Enrique Pena Nieto, President of Mexico, in Mexico City.

- [More on Perez's national award](#)

'Project Rio' supports Austrian para-athletes

The Austrian Ministry of Sports is placing EUR 20 million into "Project RIO" to help Austrian athletes prepare for the upcoming Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- [More on Austria's "Project Rio"](#)

Fearnley, Di Toro to captain 2016 Australian Paralympic team; Seven announces Parathon to help support Rio 2016 team



Five-time Paralympian Daniela Di Toro and four-time Paralympian Kurt Fearnley will serve as captains of the Australian Paralympic Team for Rio 2016.

Also in the Movement in Australia, Australian broadcaster Seven will host a special five-hour-long programme on 5 March which aims to raise funds to Australia's Paralympic team to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

- [More on Australia's team captains](#)
- [More on Seven's support for Team Australia](#)

British Track Worlds team named; British Marathon World Cup team named

British Cycling announced its 21-strong squad for the 2016 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships in Montichiari, Italy, from 17-20 March.

The British Athletics team for the IPC Athletics Marathon World Cup in London was also announced.

- [More on Great Britain's track Worlds team](#)
- [British team for the Marathon World Cup](#)

USA announces athletics, swimming national teams; NPC also announced Development Model

The US Paralympics announced 47 athletes to its track and field 2016 national team, and 29 athletes to its swimming roster.

US Paralympics also announced the launch of the American Development Model (ADM) for Paralympic Sport designed to help Paralympic-eligible athletes realise their full athletic potential.

- [Find the USA's track and field roster here](#)
- [Find the USA's swimming roster here](#)
- [More on US Paralympics' ADM](#)

Brazilian powerlifter Joseano Felipe passes away

The IPC sent its condolences to the family and friends of Brazilian powerlifter Joseano Felipe who tragically passed away on 27 January.

- [More on Joseano Felipe's passing](#)
- [Feature story on Joseano Felipe](#)

Hamerlak suspended for Anti-Doping violation; Leeper accepts sanction for Anti-Doping Rule Violation

Polish T54 wheelchair racer Tomasz Hamerlak has been suspended for four years for an Anti-Doping Rule violation. Hamerlak returned an adverse analytical finding for stanozolol metabolites in a urine sample provided on 8 July in Switzerland.

The US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) announced that US Paralympic and world medallist Blake Leeper has accepted a one year suspension for an

anti-doping rule violation. Leeper tested positive for benzoylcgonine from a sample collected on 21 June 2015 at the US Paralympic Track & Field National Championships.

- [More on Hamerlak's suspension](#)
- [More on Leeper's suspension](#)

International Federations (IFs)

Skiers hit slopes for World Cups, Europa Cup



France's Marie Bochet and Austria's Markus Salcher were among the skiers to top the podiums at the IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup in Tignes, France.

World Cups were also held in Tarvisio, Italy; Kranjska Gora, Slovenia; and St. Moritz, Switzerland. Skiers also competed in Espo, Spain, for a Europa Cup.

- [World Cup review from Tignes](#)
- [World Cup review from Tarvisio](#)
- [World Cup review from Kranjska](#)
- [World Cup review from St. Moritz](#)

- [Europa Cup review](#)

Bibian Mentel-Spee among snowboarders to top podium at World Cups



The Netherlands' Bibian Mentel-Spee left the IPC Snowboard World Cup races in Big White, Canada, and Aspen, USA, with a 100 per cent win record.

- [World Cup review from Big White](#)
- [NorAm Cup review](#)
- [World Cup review from Aspen](#)

Rumyantseva sweeps at Nordic Asia Cup

Russia's Ekaterina Rumyantseva headlined the action at the IPC Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing Asia Cup between 28 January - 1 February, winning all four events across both sports in PyeongChang, South Korea.

- [Review of the Nordic Asia Cup](#)

IPC Wheelchair Dance Sport seeks host for 2017 World Championships, reveals 2016 competitions

IPC Wheelchair Dance Sport launched a call for bids to host the 2017 World Championships, the most important competition on the sport's calendar.

The IF also announced the first competitions that will take place during the 2016 season, with the

opener to be held at the Kazakhstan Open from 8-10 April.

- [More on bidding for 2017 World Champs](#)
- [More on 2016 competition calendar](#)

Novi Sad to host first sledge hockey C-Pool Worlds; Development camp held in Slovakia

Novi Sad, Serbia, will host the first IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships C-Pool between 23-25 February, in the latest step towards the ongoing development of the sport.

Also in the sport, a training camp was held as part of the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Development Outreach Programme on 17 January in Dolny Kubin, Slovakia.

- [More on the C-Pool Worlds](#)
- [More on the development camp](#)

Brazil tops medals table at Rio 2016 Test Event

The IPC Powerlifting World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, concluded on 23 January with five podium finishes for the hosts, securing their place at the top of the medals table.

- [More on the Rio 2016 Powerlifting Test Event](#)

British, Canadian sailors seal medals

Great Britain's 2.4mR sailor Helena Lucas and the Canadian sonar team led by Paul Tingley snapped up gold in their respective fleets as racing concluded at the Sailing World Cup in Miami, USA.

- [Sailing World Cup Miami review](#)

IPC Shooting World Cup in Al Ain, UAE concludes

The UAE's London Paralympic champion Abdulla Sultan Alaryani impressed on home soil, with gold in R1 (men's 10m air rifle standing SH1) at the opening World Cup of 2016.

- [Review of IPC Shooting World Cup in UAE](#)

Reid, Griffioen, Alcott lift Australian Open titles



After ending the Melbourne Park dominance of Shingo Kunieda earlier this week, Gordon Reid took over the mantle of Australian Open wheelchair men's singles champion as the Brit won his first Grand Slam singles title with a straight-sets victory over Belgian Joachim Gerard.

- [Review of the Australian Open](#)

WPV welcomes Blue Mountains Natural Spring Water as a sponsor

World ParaVolley(WPV) President Barry Couzner signed a contract in Sydney, Australia, with Blue Mountains Natural Spring Water. The deal will provide 20,000 bottles of water for the athletes and officials at the 2016 World ParaVolley

Intercontinental, held 17-23 March in Hangzhou City, China.

- [More on World ParaVolley's new sponsor](#)

Rehm to face Olympic champion Greg Rutherford in major UK indoor meeting



Germany's Markus Rehm, gold medallist at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, will face Great Britain's Olympic champion Greg Rutherford in the long jump at the Glasgow Indoor Grand Prix in Scotland, Great Britain, on 20 February.

Elsewhere in the sport, the first IPC Athletics Grand Prix of the season wrapped up in Canberra, Australia, with home favourite Angie Ballard securing a hat-trick.

- [More on Rehm vs. Rutherford](#)
- [Review of the Grand Prix in Canberra](#)

IPC Athletics opens bidding for 2019 World Championships

IPC Athletics opened the bid process for the 2019 World Championships, the final major international track and field event prior to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

- [More on bidding for the 2019 World Championships](#)

Get your free tickets to 2016 Swimming European Open

The organisers of the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships in Funchal, on the island of Madeira, Portugal, announced that tickets for the competition between 30 April -7 May will be available free of charge for all spectators.

- [More on tickets for the IPC Swimming European Champs](#)
- [Review of Jimi Flowers Classic meet](#)

Nations confirmed for football 5-a-side at Rio 2016

The National Paralympic Committees of Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Russia, Turkey, China, Iran and Morocco all confirmed in writing their intention to take up the slots they have been offered by IBSA for the competition.

- [More on football 5-a-side teams at Rio 2016](#)

Organising Committees

Rio 2016

Tickets to Rio 2016 Paralympic Games available around the world

Sport fans from around the world can now buy their Paralympic tickets for Rio 2016 from authorised ticket resellers (ATRs). The IPC's Global ATR is Jet Set Sports, and Rio 2016 tickets and packages can be purchased on the CoSport website. Residents of Brazil can buy 2016 Paralympics tickets directly from the Rio 2016 website.

Additionally, tourists from the USA, Canada, Australia and Japan have been added to the list of nationalities that will be able to visit Brazil without a visa for the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- [Ticket sales for international sports fans](#)
- [Ticket sales for Brazilian residents](#)
- [More on visa waiver extensions for tourists](#)

PyeongChang 2018

IPC concludes sixth Project Review with PyeongChang 2018

With the two-year-to-go mark fast approaching, the IPC called upon the PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee (POCOG) to focus greater attention on raising the profile of winter para-sports and leading para-athletes.

- [More on the PyeongChang2018 project review](#)

Tokyo 2020

Tokyo 2020 “Best prepared Organising Committee” with four years to go

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games are on course to be the best ever, according to IPC Chief Executive Officer Xavier Gonzalez following a joint two-day IOC-IPC Project Review with the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee which concluded on 22 January.

- [Latest on preparations for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games](#)
- [Kyodo signs MoU with Tokyo 2020](#)
- [Four newspapers become Tokyo 2020 Official Partners](#)
- [New Tokyo 2020 Vice Presidents named](#)

- [Tokyo 2020 launch new website](#)

Beijing 2022

IPC, BOCOG host 2022 Paralympic Winter Games Orientation Seminar

The two sides held in-depth and extensive exchanges of views and discussions about the preparations for the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games in the next six years.

- [More on the Beijing 2022 orientation seminar](#)

Agitos Foundation

Success of WoMentoring celebrated

Representatives from across the Paralympic Movement have gathered in Bonn, Germany, on 12-13 February, to celebrate the success of the IPC innovative WoMentoring project.

WoMentoring was established to help contribute towards the Movement's goal of having 30 per cent of women in leadership positions. Delivered by the IPC's development arm, the Agitos Foundation, it has involved 16 pairs of mentors and mentees in an 18-month long programme of education and development.

- [More on the WoMentoring project in Bonn, Germany](#)

First Actualising the Dream workshops kick off

More than 20 alpine skiers, snowboarders, their coaches and guides from seven countries

participated in the first PyeongChang 2018 Actualising the Dream education and training workshops which concluded in Stara Planina, Serbia, on 29 January.

- [More on Actualising the Dream workshops](#)

[Agitos Foundation website](#)

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The Agitos Foundation is the leading global organisation developing sport activities for people with an impairment as a tool for changing lives and contributing to an inclusive society for all.

Its vision is to lead the Paralympic Movement's aspiration of driving change towards an inclusive society.

Women in Sports

Nominees invited for Women's Day Recognition

The IPC launched its annual call for nominations for the 2016 International Women's Day Recognition.

The IPC membership are being asked to nominate someone who they think embodies the spirit of the Paralympics and who inspires women within it by 21 February.

- [More on nominees for Women's Day Recognition](#)

Upcoming events

- Lignano Master Open (table tennis) (Lignano, Italy), 14-21 February
- 7th Fazza IPC Powerlifting World Cup Dubai 2016 (United Arab Emirates), 15-19 February
- IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup (Finsterau, Germany), 21-28 February
- World Wheelchair Curling Championships (Lucerne, Switzerland), 21-28 February
- Devonport OTU Paratriathlon Oceania Championships (Devonport, Tasmania, Australia), 20-21 February
- Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships C-Pool (Novi Sad, Serbia), 23-25 February
- IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup, technical Finals (Aspen Mountain, USA), 24-26 February
- IPC Powerlifting World Cup Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), 25-28 February
- Aquece Rio International Wheelchair Rugby Championship, 26-28 February
- Visually Impaired Archery Tournament (Nantes St Herblain, France), 27-28 February
- IBSA Goalball Africa Regional Championships (Algiers, Algeria), 27 February - 5 March
- IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup, speed Finals (Aspen Buttermilk, USA), 28 February - 4 March
- International Tournament (football 7-a-side) (Burton-upon-Trent, Great Britain) 29 February -5 March
- CHI Al Shaqab (equestrian) (Doha, Qatar), 2-5 March
- IPC Snowboard World Cup (Les Angles, France), 9-12 March
- Sarasota CAMTRI Paratriathlon American Championships (Sarasota, USA), 13 March
- Bloemfontein ATU Paratriathlon African Championships (Bloemfontein, South Africa), 13 March
- IPC Shooting World Cup (Bangkok, Thailand), 14-19 March
- IPC Snowboard World Cup (Trentino, Italy), 15-18 March
- IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup (Vuokatti, Finland), 15-20 March

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