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IPC activities

IPC President meets UN Secretary General



IPC President Sir Philip Craven met with United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the UN's headquarters in New York, the USA, on 11 March.

- [More on Sir Philip Craven, Ban Ki-moon's meeting](#)
- [Sir Philip Craven says Rio 2016 will be catalyst to grow disability awareness in USA](#)

Washington DC roundtable shares how sport can advance disability employment

The IPC and US Paralympics hosted several leading US disability advocates at a roundtable discussion

in Washington DC, the USA, on 9 March to talk about improving employment opportunities for people with a disability.

- [More on the roundtable discussion](#)

Para-athletes up for Laureus Sports Award

Nominations for the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year with a Disability include Brazilian swimmer Daniel Dias, French alpine skier Marie Bochet, Chinese sprinter Liu Cuiqing, Cuban sprinter Omara Durand, South African dual-athlete Pieter Du Preez, and Hong Kong boccia player Leung Yuk Wing.

- [More on the Laureus nominees](#)

IPC launches 'Sport Week' feature series with six months to go until Rio 2016; IPC President tabs Rio 2016 as 'unmissable Games'

Each sport on the Rio 2016 Paralympic programme will have a dedicated week of featured content published on the IPC's website. The IPC began this series with six months to go (7 March) until the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and will run until September's Games, helping the public understand more about the 22 sports being contested in Rio.

With six months to go until the Rio 2016 Paralympics, Sir Craven also said the city is almost ready to stage an “unmissable Games” that will transform South America forever.

- [Sport Week: Para-canoe](#)
- [Sport Week: Wheelchair basketball](#)
- [IPC President tabs Rio 2016 as ‘unmissable Games’](#)

Erin Popovich named IPC Classification Committee’s athlete representative

Former US Paralympic and world champion Erin Popovich was appointed as the athlete representative on the IPC Classification Committee.

- [More on Erin Popovich](#)

Smirnov named Allianz Athlete of the Month

Russia’s Andrey Smirnov was named the Allianz Athlete of the Month for February following his team’s success at the World Wheelchair Curling Championships 2016.

- [More on Andrey Smirnov](#)

Call for Visa Paralympic Hall of Fame nominations

IPC members and the general public are invited to nominate retired Paralympians and coaches in summer sports to be inducted into the Visa Paralympic Hall of Fame.

- [More on the Visa Paralympic Hall of Fame](#)

361° to provide uniforms for the IPC



The IPC signed an agreement with Chinese sportswear company 361° to supply uniforms and products to the IPC Governing Board, VIPs and members of staff for Rio 2016.

- [More on the IPC, 360° agreement](#)

IPC publishes social and digital media guidelines for Rio 2016

The guidelines aim to enable all athletes, staff, broadcasters, sponsors and attendees to create a buzz on social media and spread the message of inclusion of the Paralympic Games.

- [Download the social and digital media guidelines here](#)
- [More on the social, digital media guidelines](#)

Rita van Driel, Duane Kale appointed to IOC Coordination Commissions

Two IPC Governing Board members – the Netherlands’ Rita van Driel and New Zealand’s Duane Kale - were appointed to International Olympic Committee (IOC) Commissions.

- [More on Van Driel, Kale’s IOC appointments](#)

Call for athletes on IPC Athletes' Council



The IPC is calling on athletes to help shape the future of the Paralympic Movement by nominating themselves through their NPCs for election to the Athletes' Council.

- [More on the IPC Athletes' Council](#)

National Paralympic Committees (NPCs)

Peru determined to make most of IPC-membership status

The Ministry of Sport of Peru went digital to show their commitment in developing para-sport in the country recently, releasing a video that celebrated the creation of the National Paralympic Committee of Peru.

- [Find more on how NPC Peru is taking advantage of its IPC membership status](#)

Ireland names Cycling Track Worlds team; NPC launches 'More Than Sport' campaign

Paralympics Ireland entered four bikes in the UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships, held 17-20 March in Montichiari, Italy.

The NPC also marked the announcement of their 56-strong 2016 Athlete Panel with the launch of its awareness and fundraising campaign, 'More Than Sport,' on 23 February.

- [More on Ireland's Track Worlds team](#)
- [Read on 'More Than Sport' campaign](#)

Spanish sport stars nominate Perales for accolade

Spanish sports stars Vicente del Bosque, Iker Casillas, Manel Estiarte, Pau and Marc Gasol, "Pepu" Hernandez, Xavi Hernandez, Miguel Indurain, Rafael Nadal, Jose Maria Olazabal and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario jointly put multiple Paralympic champion Teresa Perales forward for the 2016 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports.

- [More on Teresa Perales' nomination](#)

NPC Azerbaijan celebrates 20 years

The NPC's President Ilgar Rahimov welcomed IPC President Sir Philip Craven and British Paralympic Association Honorary Vice President Tony Sainsbury to Baku on 7 February to celebrate the growth of the Movement in Azerbaijan.

- [More on NPC Azerbaijan's 20th anniversary](#)

Belgium names first athletes to Rio 2016

Para-table tennis players Marc Ledoux, Laurens Devos and Florian Van Acker were confirmed on the Belgium team for the Paralympic Games.

- [More on Belgium's first athletes for Rio 2016](#)

New Zealand, Great Britain name sailing squads for Rio 2016

Sailors Richard Dodson, Andrew May and Chris Sharp were selected by Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) to compete in Rio 2016.

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) also announced Alexandra Rickham, Niki Birrell, Stephen Thomas, John Robertson and Hannah Stodel to represent Great Britain in Rio 2016.

- [More on PNZ's sailing team](#)
- [More on Great Britain's sailing team](#)

France Télévisions to broadcast Paralympics

National television broadcaster France Télévisions will offer over 100 hours of live broadcasting of the Paralympic Games in Rio.

- [More on the French broadcast of the Paralympics](#)

Finland name new wheelchair rugby coach

Jussi Immonen was named the new head coach of the Finnish Wheelchair Rugby National team.

- [More on Jussi Immonen](#)

Lidl Slovenia partners with NPC

NPC Slovenia announced a new partnership with Lidl Slovenia in an effort to raise awareness about para-sport and prepare for Rio 2016.

- [More on NPC Slovenia, Lidl's partnership](#)

Davies breaks shot put record

Great Britain's Aled Davies broke his own shot put F42 world record on 28 February with a throw of 16.14m at the Indoor British Championships.

- [More on Davies' shot put record](#)

Danish athletics icon retires

Denmark's three-time Paralympic champion Jackie Christiansen called an end to his illustrious career.

- [More on Jackie Christiansen's retirement](#)

Algerian sprinting legend passes away

The IPC sent its condolences to the family of Algeria's Paralympic and world champion Mohamed Allek, who passed away on 7 March at the age of 42 after a long illness.

- [More on Mohamed Allek](#)

International Federations (IFs)

Russia retain wheelchair curling world title



Russia defeated Norway 7-4 in the gold medal match of the Wheelchair Curling World Championships 2016 on 28 February in Lucerne, Switzerland. South Korea defeated Switzerland for the bronze medal.

- [Review on the wheelchair curling World Championships](#)

Three para-triathlon Continental Championships wrap up

Athletes took on the Oceania, Americas and African para-triathlon Continental Championships to rack up last minute Paralympic qualification points.

- [Review of the Oceania Championships](#)
- [Review of the Americas, African Championships](#)

Algerian goalball teams win African Champs



Both the men and women's Algerian teams won their respective finals at the 2016 International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) African Goalball Regional Championships. To top it off, both teams also qualified for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

- [Review of the African Goalball Championships](#)

Russia dominate first CP Football International Tournament

Russia dominated the first Cerebral Palsy (CP) Football International Tournament of 2016, fittingly, at the same site where they won the World Championship last June.

- [Review of the CP Football International Tournament](#)

Austria win World Championships C-Pool; host for European Championships named; first Pan Pacifics scheduled

Austria was promoted to the B-Pool after a dramatic 1-0 win over Finland on penalties saw them take the 2016 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships C-Pool title in Novi Sad, Serbia, on 25 February.

IPC Ice Sledge Hockey also announced that Östersund, Sweden, will host the 2016 European Championships between 5-10 April.

Additionally, the first Ice Sledge Hockey Pan Pacific Championships in history will take place in Buffalo, New York, USA, between 29 March - 2 April.

- [Review of the IPCISH World Championship C-Pool](#)
- [More on Östersund hosting the Euros](#)
- [More on the Pan Pacific Championships](#)

Kalem upsets at Lignano Master Open

Italy's world No. 9 para-table tennis player Mohamed Amine Kalem beat world No. 2 Iurii Nozdrunov of Russia in the final of the men's singles class 9, as the 2016 edition came to a close on 20 February.

- [Review of the Lignano Master Open](#)

IPC Athletics Asia-Oceania Championships come to close

Iran's Ahmad Ojaghlo helped his country to finish top of the medals table at the Championships on the last day on 12 March. Ojaghlo completed a hat-

trick of wins in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, with victory in the 400m T47.

- [IPC Athletics Asia-Oceania Championships review](#)

Poli and Maspero celebrate three months to go to Grosseto 2016; Grosseto 2016 promoted in Turin

Italian athletes Giacomo Poli and Federica Maspero celebrated three months-to-go to the official opening of the 2016 IPC Athletics European Championships in Grosseto, Italy, together with 200 students in a high school of the Tuscan city.

Additionally, a World of Athletics campaign was launched by the Italian Federation of Paralympic and Experimental Sports to promote Grosseto 2016.

- [More on three months to go until Grosseto](#)
- [More on World of Athletics campaign](#)

IPC Swimming marks #50daystogo until European Championships; swimming classification review group meets

Organisers of the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships taking place in Funchal, Portugal, released the medals design with 50 days to go until action gets underway on 30 April.

Elsewhere in the sport, researchers, classifiers, athletes, coaches and representatives of IPC Swimming met for the first time in February in Bonn, Germany, to discuss planning for the sport's recently announced review of the classification system for athletes with a physical impairment.

- [More on 50 days until Funchal 2016](#)

- [More on IPC Swimming's classification review](#)

Vio wins again at IWAS World Cup

Italy's Beatrice Vio extended her unbeaten run to nine competitions following her latest victory at the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) Wheelchair Fencing World Cup held 10-14 February in Eger, Hungary.

- [IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup review](#)

Great Britain triumph in Test Event; Ottobock provides services ahead of Rio



European champion Great Britain topped the podium in the wheelchair rugby Rio 2016 Test Event, held 26-28 February at the Carioca Arena 1.

During the event, Ottobock Healthcare technicians provided essential repair services.

- [More on the wheelchair rugby Rio 2016 test Event](#)
- [More on Ottobock's support of wheelchair rugby](#)

Rahman breaks powerlifting world record

Iran's Paralympic and world champion Siamand Rahman did not disappoint at the IPC Powerlifting

World Cup in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 19 February, lifting 296kg to set a new world record in the men's over 107kg.

Another World Cup was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where South Korea and Greek powerlifters found victories on the last day.

- [Review of World Cup in Dubai](#)
- [Review of World Cup in Kuala Lumpur](#)

Marie Bochet completes IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup globes sweep

Paralympic champions Marie Bochet of France and Austria's Markus Salcher claimed overall super-G crystal globes after wins at the IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup Finals in Aspen, USA on 3 March.

They were among the series of skiers who secured overall World Cup victories for their classifications, with the final day of the World Cup in Aspen on 4 March.

- [Find the alpine skiing globe winners here](#)
- [IPC Alpine Skiing Asia Cup review](#)

IPC Snowboard World, Europa Cups conclude

Dutch snowboarder Chris Vos bolstered his lead at the top of the World Cup rankings after winning banked slalom in Formigueres, France, on 12 March. The World Cup in Formigueres was also in conjunction with the Europa Cup.

- [IPC Snowboard World Cup in Formigueres review](#)
- [World Cup in Les Angles review](#)
- [Snowboard Europa Cup winners decided](#)

IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup in Finsterau concludes



The Russian trio of Stanislav Chokhlaev, Vladislav Lekomtsev and Grigory Murygin lead the way in the points standings after wins at the penultimate IPC Biathlon World Cup in Finsterau, Germany, on the concluding day (28 February).

- [IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup Finsterau review](#)

Organising Committees

Rio 2016

IPC urges Rio 2016 to focus on engaging public with six months to go

The Rio 2016 Organising Committee met with the IPC delegation from 23-25 February, updating them on every functional area that is involved in delivering the biggest Paralympic Games to date.

- [More on the IPC, Organising Committee's meeting](#)

Rio 2016 unveils more venues



The Deodoro Stadium and Carioca Arena 3 were among the latest venues unveiled by the Rio 2016 Organising Committee.

- [More on the Deodoro Stadium](#)
- [More on the Carioca Arena 3](#)

Tokyo 2020

Bridgestone become Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Gold Partner

The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee on 10 March welcomed Bridgestone Corporation (Bridgestone) as a Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Gold Partner in the category “Tyres, Seismic isolation bearings & Non-motorised bicycles.”

- [More on Bridgestone, Tokyo 2020 partnership](#)
- [Mitsubishi Electric become Official Partner](#)

Lima 2019

Parapan Am Games to feature 17 sports

The Americas Paralympic Committee announced the Lima 2019 Parapan American Games will feature a record 1,850 athletes who will compete in 17 sports, two more than Toronto 2015.

- [More on Lima 2019's sport programme](#)

Agitos Foundation

Brazilian cross-country skiers work toward Paralympics

Brazilian skiers benefited from the Agitos Foundation support and were able to compete and train on snow for the first time.

- [More on Brazilian skiers](#)

Agitos Foundation partners with Sport of Tomorrow, Japan

The Agitos Foundation announced a partnership with Sport for Tomorrow to grow para-sport in south-east Asia ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The launch took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, between 27-28 February, supported by the Nippon Foundation and Japanese Paralympic Committee.

- [More on Agitos Foundation, Sport of Tomorrow's partnership](#)

[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

Carla Qualtrough honoured with International Women's Day Recognition

Canada's Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, Carla Qualtrough, was awarded with the IPC International Women's Day Recognition in honour of her impact and leadership within sport.

- [More on Carla Qualtrough](#)

Other Activities

Adecco offers chance for 50 youngsters to become 'CEOs for One Month'

Adecco Group is giving 50 entrepreneurial and ambitious youngsters the chance to become 'Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for One Month' alongside the Adecco top management in their home countries. Online applications will be open from 1 March to 15 April.

- [More on Adecco's 'CEOs for One Month' opportunity](#)

Upcoming events

- IPC Snowboard World Cup (Trentino, Italy), 15-18 March
- IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup (Vuokatti, Finland), 15-20 March
- IPC Athletics Grand Prix - 8th FAZAA IPC Athletics Grand Prix (Dubai, UAE), 17-20 March
- World ParaVolley Intercontinental (Anji, Huzhou, China), 17-23 March
- UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships (Montichiari, Italy), 17-20 March
- BISFed World Individual Championships (China), 19-26 March
- Buffalo City ITU World Para-Triathlon Event (Buffalo City, South Africa), 19-20 March
- IPC Athletics Grand Prix - Tunis International Meeting (Tunis, Tunisia), 24-26 March
- Ice Sledge Hockey Pan Pacific Championships (Buffalo, USA), 29 March - 2 April
- Paracanoe African Championships (Pretoria, South Africa), 29 March - 2 April
- CP Football International Tournament (Ireland), 31 March-3 April
- European Para Archery Championships (Challans, France), 2-10 April
- 9th Alwatani Open (table tennis) (Amman, Jordan), 4-6 April
- ACSA SA Open (wheelchair tennis) (Johannesburg, South Africa), 5-9 April
- IPC Ice Sledge Hockey European Championships (Ostersund, Sweden), 5-10 April
- IWAS Asian Wheelchair Fencing Championships (Hong Kong), 6-11 April
- Handi Equi' Compet (equestrian) (Deauville, France), 7-10 April
- Arizona Cup (archery) (Phoenix, USA), 7-11 April

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- IPC Athletics Grand Prix - Italian Open Championships 2016 (Grosseto, Italy), 8-10 April
- Kazakhstan Open (wheelchair dance) (Astana, Kazakhstan), 9-10 April
- Agitos Camp (rowing) (Gavirate, Italy), 12-22 April

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