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IPC GOVERNING BOARD MEETS IN WHISTLER

The first meeting of 2010 for the newly elected International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Governing Board (GB) took place today at the Paralympic Family Hotel in Whistler, Canada. The IPC GB, elected last November at the General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, went over several subject matters and received updates including the progress reports of the Organizing Committees of Vancouver 2010, London 2012, Sochi 2014 and Rio 2016.

TICKET SALES UPDATE



A total of 176,000 tickets have already been sold to the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, representing an almost 70% sell out rate. The most popular events are the gold medal match for Ice Sledge Hockey, the Opening and Closing Ceremony, the Wheelchair Curling final, and the first day of the Men and Women's Downhill in Alpine Skiing. For more information on tickets and the Games, please see the official website at www.vancouver2010.com.

ATHLETES' COUNCIL ELECTION OPEN

The voting process for the IPC Athletes' Council (AC) election officially began today in both Athletes' Villages in Vancouver and Whistler. Rutger Sturkenboom, one of the staff members at the voting booth said the first day in Whistler has seen a high turnout. "The voting area here is a great location for athletes because it is right inside the dining hall in the Athletes' Village in Whistler," he said.

Athletes are allowed to vote for three individuals from the six candidates on the ballot. The candidates include Yannik Bourseaux (FRA, Cross-Country Skiing), Eskil Hagen (NOR, Ice Sledge Hockey), Todd Nicholson (CAN, Ice Sledge Hockey), Katarzyna Rogowiec (POL, Cross-Country Skiing), Gerd Schoenfelder (GER, Alpine Skiing), and William Stewart (USA, Cross-Country Skiing).



Voting for the IPC Athletes' Council election continues through 19 March in both Athletes' Villages in Vancouver and Whistler.

FINAL DAY OF UNIFORM INSPECTION

Tomorrow, 11 March, marks the final day of the Team Uniform inspection process in the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) services area of the Athletes' Village. In total, the four day process sees all uniforms inspected by IPC staff member Carolin Jansen, with each NPC delegation given a dedicated 30 minute time period





inside the Uniform Inspection Room. The process first sees all uniforms of an NPC delegation thoroughly spread out on a long table, with the intention of full inspection. The inspection aims at checking the adherence of all uniforms to rules and regulations which were made to enhance the national identity of the team, as well as Paralympic identity. The final four NPC delegations will be visiting the Uniform Inspection Room tomorrow.

PARALYMPIC ATHLETES AND VOLUNTEERS



Ilkka Tuomisto is 26 years old from Tampere, Finland, and competing in his second Paralympic Winter Games after Torino. Tuomisto is currently ranked as the number one athlete in the Men's LW2-9 for the IPC Cross-Country Skiing World Cup 2009-2010. His event at the Vancouver Winter Paralympics will be Cross-Country Skiing in the Standing category on 14 March, where he hopes to better his 4th place showing at Torino. For more than 10 years, he has been practicing in sport, but he has been skiing for the majority of his life. In returning to Finland after the Games, Tuomisto will continue as a professional athlete in skiing.

Eleanor Rushton is 23 years old and at the Paralympic Winter Games. She has her life, and graduated from university in During the Games, Eleanor is working as planning department, but more specifically supporting the Medical and Scientific Polyclinic of the Athletes' Village. Eleanor during the Games, furthering her future Upon finishing, she hopes to continue her India and enter medical school in 2011.



volunteering for the first time lived in Vancouver most of 2008 with a science degree. part of the Paralympic for IPC sports, where she is department of the IPC at the plans to utilize her experience career in the medical area. yoga instructing, travel to

CALENDAR

10 March	IPC Exhibition	Snow Dome, Whistler
	Allianz Media Workshop	Snow Dome, Whistler
	Canadian Military Event	Canada Hockey House, Vancouver
	Opening of "Casa Italia"	Whistler
	Austria House - Housewarming Party	Whistler
	Signing of the Olympic Truce Wall	Paralympic Village, Whistler

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE OF ONLINE COVERAGE AT www.ParalympicSport.TV

Friday 12 March		
18:00	Opening Ceremony	LIVE
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PHOTOGRAPHY: Lieven Coudenys and Rob Prezioso return as the IPC’s official photographers during the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Photos of daily events and competitions can be viewed and purchased from Lieven Coudenys and Rob Prezioso through their respective websites. For more information about Lieven Coudenys, please visit his official website at www.coudenys.be/paralympics. For more information about Prezioso Photography, please visit the official website at www.prezioso.com.au.

TICKETS

For information about tickets, please visit www.vancouver2010.com/paralympic-games/tickets.

VANCOUVER 2010 INFORMATION

For more information on the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, please visit www.vancouver2010.com.

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