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WDGF's First ICSD Congress Attendance

Anders Hillding, WDGf delegate, went to the Rome Congress

The WDGf Secretary Hillding represented the WDGf at the 43rd ICSD Congress in Rome, Italy from September 13 to 15. The WDGf President Arne Lundquist was also there, but as a delegate for the Swedish Deaf Sports Federation. The first day started off with discussions; the second and third days focused on motions and future event presentations.

On the second day, Hillding made a short presentation of the 2012 WDGf in Japan on the request from the ICSD President. The Deaf Sports Australia's proposal was approved that several proposals for constitution and policy modifications were tabled. The DSA proposal stated that the ICSD hires two consultants from the outside to review the current structure, constitution, and policies of the ICSD and provide recommendations, which are to be ready by the 2013 Congress. The Congress approved a proposal from the UK Deaf Sport that England, Scotland, and Wales can take part in the future World Deaf Championships as singular nations, following the respective International Sport Federation's rules (like FIFA). This

was a good decision especially for the WDGf. At the Deaflympics, athletes will still be representing the Great Britain. On the third day, all the hosting countries of the 2012 World Deaf Championships gave their presentations. For some reason, Japan Deaf Sport Association did not get a chance to make their presentation of the 2012 WDGf. This was disappointing.

Hillding noted that Crowley mentioned the World Deaf Golf Federation several times during his speeches at the Congress and also emphasized that golf could be a new Deaflympic sport in 2017.

Turkey was the winning nation for the bid of the 2017 Deaflympics and Ankara is the site of the event. They had not planned for any golf tournament but advised that there are a couple of golf courses within Ankara and its vicinity.

I to r: Arne Lundquist and Calle Rasmussen, SDSF; Anders Hillding, WDGf and Kjell Gunnå, DIBF



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www.worlddeafgolf.com

WDGF BOARD MEETING - JULY 14, 2011

The Australian Board Member Gavin Balharrie had a stop in England on his way to the 2011 WFD Congress in South Africa. The WDGF Board decided to have this opportunity to have a board meeting in London.

Arne Lundquist, Don Conway, Anders Hillding, Simeon Hart, and Gavin Balharrie gathered at the Friend's House in London early in the afternoon on July 14th. Ole Artmann and Arista Haas were still at their native residences.

The following subjects were discussed:

- WDGF Annual Report and Accounts for 2010
- 2012 WDGC in Japan
- 2014 WDGC in USA
- Meeting with the ICSD President Craig Crowley
- Inclusion of golf in the 2017 Deaflympics
- WDGF Business Plan



Back row: Simeon Hart, Anders Hillding, and Gavin Balharrie
Front Row: Arne Lundquist and Don Conway

MEETING THE ICSD PRESIDENT - JULY 14, 2011

The ICSD President Craig Crowley was invited to have a meeting with the WDGF Board in London. Crowley happily accepted the invitation and a meeting was arranged at the Friend's House on July 14th after the WDGF board meeting. The meeting went very well with open communication. Crowley was very impressed with the World Deaf Golf Federation, which is strong and well organized. The WDGF can serve as a model for future World Deaf Sport Federations.

Lundquist shared his concerns about the future of the Deaflympics after the cancellation of the 2011 Winter Deaflympics, and inquired if WDGF should apply for golf inclusion at the 2017 Deaflympics. Crowley responded that he was also concerned with the current development of the Deaflympics; however, he was adamant to find solutions for the future of Deaf Sports. His enthusiasm showed that golf could be included at the 2017 Deaflympics and advised that a proposal must be forwarded to ICSD in such time that a decision could be taken at the 2013 ICSD Congress. As of September 2011, the WDGF Board is still uncertain of the inclusion of golf as a Deaflympic sport by 2017. The consideration would be based on the ICSD's progress for the next few years.



ICSD President Craig Crowley



2012 WDGC UPDATE

The Japanese Organizing Committee has sent out the invitation for the 9th World Deaf Golf Championships! The event will be held on 8-12 October 2012 at the Tsu Country Club in the prefecture of Mie.

With the guidance of Chairperson Masanori Kojima, the organizing committee consisted of Chikara Mishina, Yumi Taniguchi, Kingo Sawada, and Seiishirou Yoshii. Mishina and Taniguchi are the key contacts in correspondence with the WDFG President and Secretary. Both Mishina and Taniguchi cooperated quite well that they have done excellent work with the planning of the WDGC.



The Organising Committee, left to right: Chikara Mishina, Masanori Kojima, Kingo Sawada, Yumi Taniguchi and Seiishirou Yoshii.

Unexpectedly, the Japan Grand Prix in Formula 1 will take place in the same weekend as the 2012 WDGC. This additional event triggered soaring hotel costs in the region and caught the Japanese Organizing Committee off-guard; the committee had no other choice but to change the WDGC accommodation from Sakakibarakan Hotel to Hakusan Village with efforts to keep costs down. The new accommodation will be more like a western style hotel, and there will be shuttle service between the Hakusan Village and the Tsu Country Club.

Visit the 2012 WDGC webpage: www.2012wdgcjapan.com for more information about the Championships and for contact details.

The final date of the tournament entry will be **30 June 2012**.

Visit the Cocopa Resort - Hakusan Village website for more information:

<http://www.cocopa.co.jp/english/index.html>



WDFG UPDATE - 2012 GENERAL MEETING AND DEADLINES

The next World Deaf Golf Federation General Meeting will take place on Saturday 6th October 2012 in Mie, Japan. This is due to a traditional ceremony taking place prior to the WDGC opening ceremony on Sunday 7th October 2012. Each member nation may be represented by two delegates. The WDFG Board wishes to inform of the date early so that plans are in place to allow the delegates arrive well in advance for the meeting.

2016 WDGC BID

All member nations, interested in hosting the 2016 World Deaf Golf Championships, should start planning for their bid now! The deadline for submission of a 2016 WDGC bid application is 6th July 2012. With the cancelled Deaflympics fresh in

mind, your applications must be supported by the National Deaf Sports Federation, the Federal Government (or Sports Ministry), the National Golf Federation, and the Golf Course.

For more information, please refer to the "World Deaf Golf Championships Hosting Policy" at www.worlddeafgolf.com/documents/.

DEADLINE REMINDERS:

To Organising Committee:

Final Team Entry: 30 JUNE 2012

Payments: 30 JUNE 2012

To WDFG:

2016 WDGC Bid: 06 JULY 2012

2014 WDGCC UPDATE

On July 21-23, the WDGFB board member Arista Haas made an inspection of the 2014 WDGCC site in USA. The Chair of the 2014 WDGCC Organising Committee, Darrell Hovinen, showed Haas around at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City, Michigan. The other two co-chairs are Susan Zupnik and Dan Nowrocki. The resort will be suitable for both golfers and non-golfers because the site has three golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, shuttle services and several other amenities; the site is close to the airport, local attractions, and the Traverse City downtown.

Hovinen and his colleagues has done well in their initial stage of planning; hotel rooms and condo suites have been reserved and a contract has already been signed with the Resort. Two golf courses, the Wolverine and the Bear, were inspected. For economical and contractual reasons, the committee decided to use only one golf course for the WDGCC and the Championships will be played on the Wolverine course. If more than 114 golfers are registered, the committee has a back up plan to accommodate the requirements of the WDGCC.

Haas was very satisfied with the inspection and wants to thank the American Organising Committee for their cooperation and hospitality.



2014 WDGCC Chair Darrell Hovinen (left) & Arista Haas

NEW WDGFB MEMBER

WDGFB welcomes Ghana as a new member in the WDGFB Family!



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