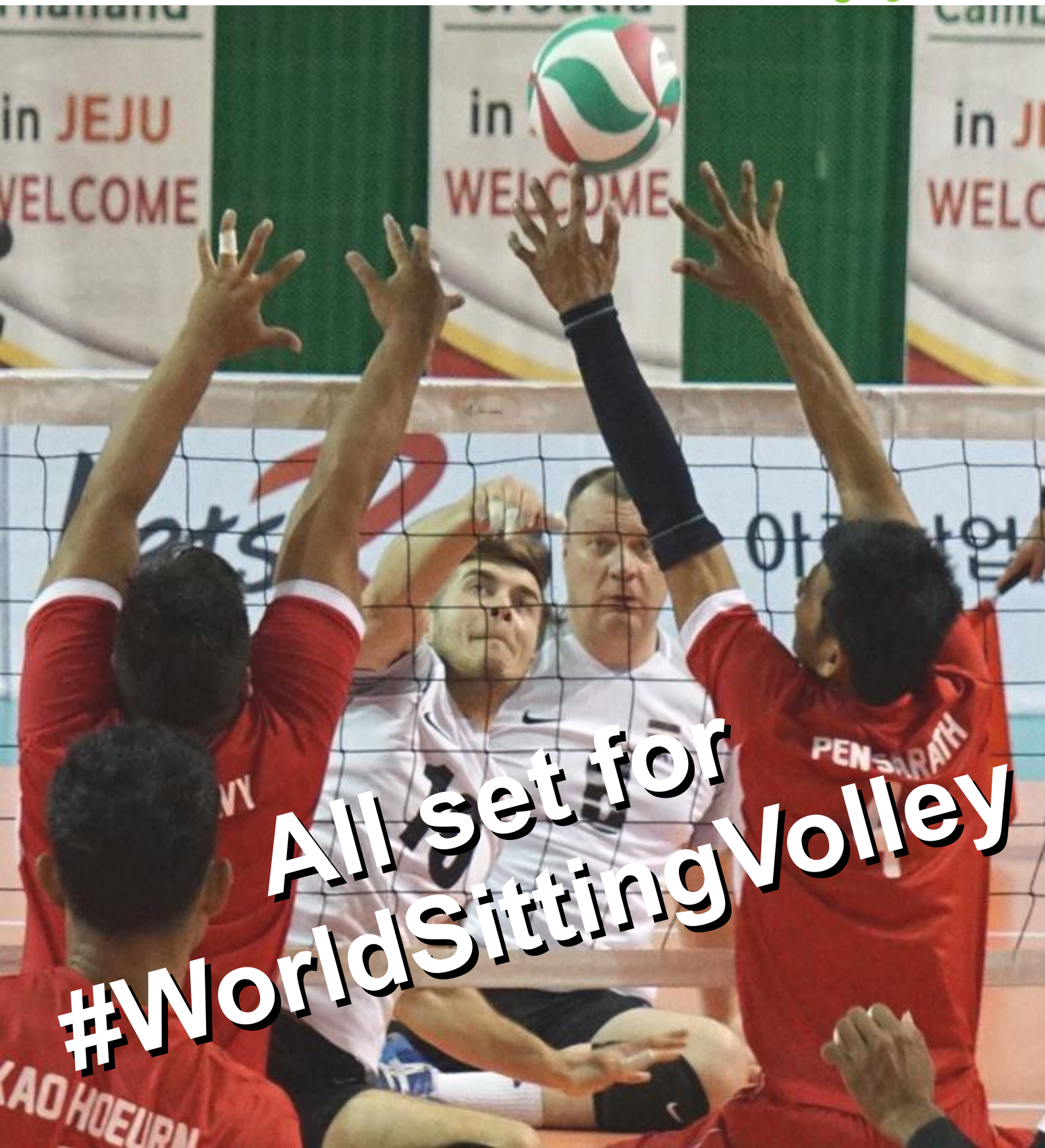


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FROM THE EDITOR.....

Dear Friends,

Our newsletter has a name!!



We wanted to find a name that is easily understood in all languages, something that is universally understood as the sign of life!

Because that is what this newsletter is all about – a showcase of the tournaments, events, activities and a million other things organised by all those who have ParaVolley running through their veins.

Whilst wishing all the qualified teams a successful outcome from the Sitting Volleyball World Championships, I would like to invite everyone to send as much info as possible to include in this newsletter.

Nello

Front Cover: Action from CAM-LAT at the tournament in Jeju - Photo by **WPV**.

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A word of thanks.....

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WHERE YOUR BRAND COMES TO PLAY



Photo: WPV

ITALY, CROATIA EARN LAST TWO TICKETS

Two European teams, Italy Women and Croatia Men, obtained the last two tickets to the World ParaVolley Sitting Volleyball World Championships to be played later on this year in the Netherlands.

The South Korean city of Jeju played host to nine teams from around the world aiming to win the right to take part in this year's biggest competition in the sitting volleyball world. The seven teams competing in the Men's competition were divided in two groups, with hosts Korea facing Latvia, Italy and Cambodia in Group A, whilst favourites Croatia faced Thailand and Mongolia in Group B.

Korea took full profit of their home advantage winning all three group matches whilst keeping a clean sheet in all matches.

Latvia and Cambodia fought it out for the second spot, with the north Europeans obtaining the all-important victory in the direct encounter, whilst Italy were eliminated after losing all three matches.

In the other group, Croatia brushed aside the challenge offered by their two opponents, whilst Thailand were superior to Mongolia in the match to decide the runners-up spot.

The semi-finals pitted the two remaining European teams against each other, with Croatia easing past Latvia to book a place in the final, whilst in the Asian derby, Korea had to submit against a superior Thailand side.

Croatia's superiority during this tournament continued also in the Gold Final, which they also managed to win 3-0 thus managing to end the Tournament without losing a set. Korea obtained the last place on the podium beating Latvia in the Bronze Final.

Italy and Korea were the only two teams to make it to the Women's Final Qualifier, and thus the two teams had to face each other three times, with the team winning two matches

FACT FILE

Place: Sarabong Multi-Gym, Jeju City, South Korea

Dates: 27 March-1 April 2018

Teams: 7 men, 2 women

Final Ranking Men: 1. Croatia; 2. Thailand; 3. Korea

Final Ranking Women: 1. Italy; 2. Korea



advancing to The Netherlands. Italy proved to be too strong for the local Korean side, winning the first two matches with an identical 3-0 score, managing to qualify for the first time ever for the World Championships.

WPV would like to congratulate the Korean Volleyball Association for Disabled (KOVAD) and Jeju Volleyball Association for Disabled (JVAD) for the successful organisation of this tournament.

Results: Men

Group A

Cambodia – Italy 3-0 (25-11, 26-24, 25-15)

Korea – Latvia 3-0 (26-24, 25-17, 25-19)

Korea – Cambodia 3-0 (25-18, 25-15, 25-23)

Latvia – Italy 3-0 (25-19, 25-18, 25-20)

Latvia – Cambodia 3-1 (18-25, 25-22, 25-17, 28-26)

Italy – Korea 0-3 (23-25, 11-25, 16-25)

Group B

Thailand – Mongolia 3-0 (25-15, 25-14, 25-10)

Croatia – Thailand 3-0 (25-20, 25-11, 25-18)

Mongolia – Croatia 0-3 (13-25, 9-25, 13-25)

Semi-Finals and Finals

Thailand – Korea 3-1 (25-19, 25-22, 20-25, 26-24)

Croatia – Latvia 3-0 (25-17, 25-22, 25-12)

5/6: Cambodia – Mongolia 3-0 (25-10, 25-8, 25-7)

3/4: Korea – Latvia 3-0 (25-18, 25-20, 26-24)

1/2: Thailand – Croatia 0-3 (15-25, 14-25, 15-25)

Results: Women

Korea – Italy 0-3 (9-25, 14-25, 8-25)

Italy – Korea 3-0 (25-12, 25-22, 25-7)

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2018

Sitting Volleyball World Championships

QUALIFIED COUNTRIES

WOMEN

1.  The Netherlands
2.  U. S. A.
3.  Japan
4.  Russia
5.  Ukraine
6.  Finland
7.  Brazil
8.  Canada
9.  China
10.  I. R. Iran
11.  Rwanda
12.  Egypt
13.  Slovenia
14.  Hungary
15.  Croatia
16.  Italy

MEN

1.  The Netherlands
2.  I. R. Iran
3.  Japan
4.  Russia
5.  Ukraine
6.  Bosnia and Herzegovina
7.  Brazil
8.  U. S. A.
9.  Kazakhstan
10.  Iraq
11.  Egypt
12.  Rwanda
13.  Germany
14.  China
15.  Poland
16.  Croatia

Welkom in het Nederland

Population: 17.1m; Area: 33,720 km²; Population Density: 507/km²; Capital city: Amsterdam
 Arnhem: 157,000; Eindhoven: 227,750; Rotterdam: 635,400; The Hague: 527,750; Venlo: 101,100



With more than 25% of the country below sea level, The Netherlands' vast system of dams, locks, barriers and dykes keeps the Dutch safe and sound. The system known as The Delta Works is considered as one of the seven wonders of the modern world.



The Netherlands? Holland? - Whilst many confuse the two, Holland actually refers to only two of the country's twelve provinces, located to the West part of the country. With 50% of the country less than 1m above sea level, no wonder its proper name is Nederland, meaning 'low country'.



Feeling shorter than usual when in The Netherlands is normal – with an average height of 184 cm for men and 170 cm for women, Dutch people are the tallest in the world.



There are 18 million bicycles in The Netherlands – more than the actual population!! And with around 35,000 km of dedicated cycle lanes, the Dutch cycle an average of 2.5 km per day (that's more than 900 km per year!!)



Although the flag colours are Red, White and Blue, the Dutch adopted the 'Oranje' in honour of the Dutch Royal Family's lineage, the House of Orange-Nassau.



Although tulips were originally cultivated in the Ottoman Empire (present day Turkey), these were imported into The Netherlands in the sixteenth century. Since then, they have become one of the country's main symbols, with Dutch farmers now growing around 2,000,000,000 (yes, that's 2 billion!!) tulip flowers annually.



Looking for a place to have a pint of Dutch beer? De Drie Gezusters in Groningen is considered the biggest bar in Europe – seating a whopping 3700 guests!!



There are around 1000 windmills still standing around The Netherlands, the oldest one built before 1451. The best places to see them are at Kinderdijk and Zaanse Schans.



Still wondering what to take home? One or two of the 6 million souvenir klompen should do!! And if you don't find any, take some Gouda or Edam or one of the other Dutch types of cheese.

WORLD PARAVOLLEY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES BECAUSE I CAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

By Mr. Jim Leask, WPV Marketing Director - Commercialisation

World ParaVolley has formed the World ParaVolley Foundation to serve as the fund-raising arm of the Federation.

The purpose of the Foundation is to grow the Sport of ParaVolley and improve the lives of Para Athletes by planning and delivering fundraising activities with an initial focus on the United States of America. In what must be record time for an organisation such as World ParaVolley, the Foundation has achieved Charitable status in the USA as a 501 c 3.

The World ParaVolley Foundation is a Global organisation developing sport activities at all competitive levels for ParaVolley Athletes as a tool for changing lives, contribute to equity for the disabled, developing an inclusive society and inspiring the physically impaired to be role models in their community and becoming leaders of tomorrow.

The objectives of the Foundation are:

- To develop ParaVolley and positively impact the lives of persons with physical impairments.
- Develop relationships with key internal and external constituents to provide the platform necessary to carry out the goals of inclusion, diversity and achieving sports excellence for Para Athletes
- Support the International Paralympic Committee's vision to use Para Sports to inspire and excite the World.



Photo: Andre' Calado

The World ParaVolley Foundation has launched its first fund raising campaign **because I can** with the goal of securing the funds necessary to grow ParaVolley and improve the lives of its Para Athletes.

The Foundation's fund raising efforts will focus on development programmes in five key areas:

- Women in Sport
- Anti-Doping
- Emerging Countries
- Standing Beach ParaVolley
- Administrative Capabilities and supporting our sport volunteers.



The campaign will feature direct appeals to Fortune 500 companies, celebrities, private individuals, funding foundations and the ParaVolley Community.

So, we are asking all the supporters of ParaVolley to get involved. If you have any Human-Interest Stories you would like to share about our Athletes or information on the positive impact that any of our programs have made on the lives of our athletes and their communities, please send an email to JLeask@wpvf.org.

It is an exciting time for ParaVolley with enormous potential for growth in our sport. The needs for the five programme areas listed

above are great and we would ask everyone who can to support the campaign.

So, please visit WorldParaVolley.org, click on the Foundation tab to learn more about the Foundation's plans and click onto the **Donate Now** button to contribute to the campaign.

By supporting the WORLD PARAVOLLEY FOUNDATION, you will enable the organisation to build sustainable funding to allow Para Athletes the opportunity to achieve sports excellence, personal fulfillment, and changing the world for the better.



I.R. IRAN WINS MAIDEN WORLD SUPER 6 MEN'S TOURNAMENT

The northwestern Iranian city of Tabriz played host to the first ever edition of the Men's World Super 6 Tournament, a new competition organised by World ParaVolley for the best sitting volleyball teams around the world.

Together with hosts I.R. Iran, the other five teams participating in this year's competition were Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Russia, Ukraine and the United States of America.

The first five days of the tournament saw all the teams facing each other in a round robin tournament. After the first day during which hosts I.R. Iran, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine all registered straightforward 3-0 wins, the second day saw tournament favourites I.R. Iran and Bosnia and Herzegovina face each other in a 3-2 epic match.

BIH took the lead by winning the first set 25-22, only to see the hosts turn the result in their favour by taking the next two sets. BIH however equalised by winning the fourth one, but had to succumb to IRI 15-13 in the tie break.

On their part, Russia recovered from their defeat on day one against IRI by beating Germany 3-0 on the second day. In their third match they had to face Bosnia and Herzegovina, with both teams aware that a win would put them in the Final.

The first set was a very balanced affair with the Russians only managing to win it at 26-24. BIH replied immediately, dominating the next one 25-11. With Milenin and Savichev obtaining 35 points between them, Russia managed to take the next two sets 25-23 and 25-21 to jump into the second place book a place in the final match.





In the other matches, Ukraine managed to beat both Germany and the USA to finish in the fourth place, with the latter finding the going tough against all the opponents. They did however finish on a slightly more positive note by taking a set off Germany in the final for the 5th and 6th place.

Bosnia and Herzegovina made up for their two defeats by taking the Bronze Medal after beating Ukraine 3-0, with Manko and Jusufovic each scoring 10 points in this match.

The match for the Gold turned out to be another spectacular event between hosts I.R. Iran, supported by around 1,200 enthusiastic fans, and outsiders Russia. Led by the usual Bigdeli and Alipour, Hadi Rezai's men managed to keep Russia at bay, even if the latter stretched their opponents as much as possible especially in the third and final set.

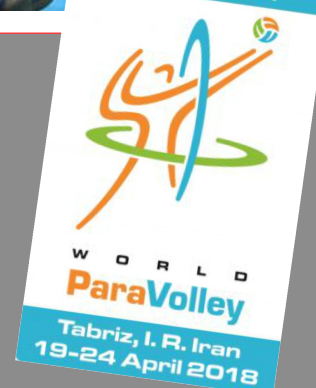
Results

Germany – Ukraine 0-3 (13-25, 18-25, 12-25)
 U.S.A. – BIH 0-3 (15-25, 16-25, 23-25)
 Russia – I.R. Iran 0-3 (22-25, 20-25, 17-25)
 U.S.A. – Ukraine 0-3 (18-25, 14-25, 18-25)
 Germany – Russia 0-3 (18-25, 20-25, 15-25)
 BIH – I.R. Iran 2-3 (25-22, 17-25, 19-25, 25-22, 13-15)
 Ukraine – I.R. Iran 0-3 (14-25, 18-25, 14-25)
 U.S.A. – Germany 0-3 (15-25, 26-28, 16-25)
 BIH – Russia 1-3 (24-26, 25-11, 23-25, 21-25)
 Germany – I.R. Iran 0-3 (13-25, 12-25, 15-25)
 U.S.A. - Russia 0-3 (22-25, 16-25, 24-26)
 Ukraine – BIH 0-3 (23-25, 19-25, 22-25)
 Ukraine – Russia 1-3 (22-25, 20-25, 25-23, 22-25)
 Germany – BIH 0-3 (18-25, 22-25, 19-25)
 U.S.A. - I.R. Iran 0-3 (14-25, 18-25, 17-25)

Finals

5/6: U.S.A. – Germany 1-3 (18-25, 29-31, 25-23, 19-25)
 3/4: Ukraine – BIH 0-3 (21-25, 18-25, 20-25)
 1/2: Russia – I.R. Iran 0-3 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

More photos and info. can be found by accessing the website: www.tabrizsport2018.com and WPV's Facebook page.



FACT FILE

Place: Tabriz, I. R. Iran

Dates: 19-24 April 2018

Teams: 6 men's teams

Final Ranking: 1. I. R. Iran; 2. Russia; 3. Bosnia and Herzegovina

WORLD SUPER 6 TITLE GOES TO CHINA



Photo: WPV

The last and final national teams' competition prior to the World Championships in July was the Women's World Super 6 in Chengdu, China played between the 7th and 12th May 2018.

This was the second edition of this competition, with Russia winning the 2017 edition which was also held in China, that time in Hangzhou.

However, the defending champions met their first stumbling block in the first match of the tournament when they faced hosts China, with the latter winning 3-0 after overcoming Russia's determination especially in the first two sets.

These two teams were somewhat better than their opponents, finding very little difficulty in the other matches to gather the necessary points to make it to the Gold Final. China, especially, managed to finish the round robin matches without losing one set, with the Chinese players banking on the

experience gathered in the various competitions played in the last years.

Russia, on their part, put the defeat in the first match behind them in their pursuit of a place in the Gold Final, which they successfully did after winning all the remaining matches.

The other teams taking part in this second edition of the Women's World Super 6 had mixed results. Ukraine managed to easily overcome Indonesia and Kazakhstan, but then had to fight it out in the match with Japan to finish in the third spot.

Japan obtained two good wins against the bottom two teams, and had a good run, especially in third set, against Ukraine, only losing 29-31.

The two newcomers to this competition, Indonesia and Kazakhstan, found the going

tough against much more experienced teams, with the former managing to beat their opponents twice to finish in fifth place.

On the final day, Ukraine managed to move one step up from the 2017 edition, winning the Bronze medal after defeating Japan in three straight sets.

China continued with their domination in the final match when they beat Russia, however this time round they had to sweat it all out until the last point. The hosts took a 2-0 advantage but had to suffer Russia's comeback in the third and fourth sets. The fifth set was all but straightforward, with the Chinese only managing to oust their opponents at 15-13.

Elina Bezprozvanna of Ukraine was chosen as the Most Valuable Player of the Women's World Super 6 2018.



Photo: WPV



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Results

Russia – China 0-3 (22-25, 23-25, 14-25)
 Ukraine – Indonesia 3-0 (25-15, 26-24, 25-21)
 Japan – Kazakhstan 3-0 (25-15, 25-16, 25-12)
 China – Indonesia 3-0 (25-6, 25-9, 25-3)
 Indonesia – Japan 0-3 (15-25, 14-25, 8-25)
 Kazakhstan – Russia 0-3 (9-25, 18-25, 4-25)
 China – Ukraine 3-0 (25-19, 25-10, 25-10)
 Russia – Japan 3-0 (25-14, 25-7, 25-23)
 Ukraine – Russia 0-3 (14-25, 10-25, 22-25)
 Indonesia – Kazakhstan 3-1 (25-23, 25-8, 23-25, 25-19)
 China – Japan 3-0 (25-12, 25-12, 25-9)
 Ukraine – Kazakhstan 3-0 (25-16, 25-17, 25-19)
 Japan – Ukraine 0-3 (17-25, 19-25, 29-31)
 Russia – Indonesia 0-3 (25-8, 25-12, 30-28)
 Kazakhstan – China 0-3 (8-25, 9-25, 6-25)

Finals

5/6: Indonesia – Kazakhstan 3-0 (25-23, 25-17, 26-24)
 3/4: Ukraine – Japan 3-0 (25-13, 25-12, 25-18)
 1/2: China – Russia 3-2 (29-27, 25-12, 27-29, 18-25, 15-13)

More photos and information can be found by accessing WPV's Facebook page.



FACT FILE

Place: Chengdu, China

Dates: 7-12 May 2018

Teams: 6 women's teams

Final Ranking: 1. China; 2. Russia; 3. Ukraine



WORLD PARAVOLLEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 13TH JULY, 2018 ARNHEM

World ParaVolley has issued the information related to the General Assembly, which this year will be held on Friday 13th July at the Papendal Conference Centre in Arnhem, The Netherlands.

In his invitation to the member countries, WPV President Mr. Barry Couzner stressed on the importance of the General Assembly as being a point of contact for all member Federations, so that discussions and decisions taken would be for the improvement of all the disciplines falling within the WPV's remit.

The General Assembly taking place in July this year will also see the elections for the posts of Vice-President, Sport Director and Marketing Director.

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Gerflor's Sport Court has been approved by World ParaVolley for use in Sitting Volleyball competitions worldwide.

Gerflor, a French company that also produces Taraflex, has provided the Sitting Volleyball Taraflex surface at both the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

Sport Court is an easy to use and safe surface made up of interlocking tiles which can be easily stored and transported. It also offers the possibility of creating surfaces to cover any dimension and with a possible number of colours.

Gerflor's Sport Federations and Events Manager, Lionel Arlin said "The partnership between Gerflor and World ParaVolley is an important one for the Sitting Volleyball athletes and our Company as we strive to provide the very best surfaces for international competition."

More information about Gerflor's Sport Court flooring can be obtained from www.sportcourt.com



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July 15th - July 22nd

Sitting Volleyball World

Championships - The Netherlands

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September 28th - September 30th

ParaVolley Europe - Sub Zone New Nations Championships Men (Test Event) - Tourcoing, France

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October 8th - October 16th

Asian Para Games - Jakarta, Indonesia

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October 19th - October 21st

ParaVolley Europe - Strategy

Dialogue Weekend - Sveti Martin Na Muri, Croatia

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