World Organisation of Volleyball for Disabled (WOVD)

Report

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FROM THE PRESIDENT
From The President

To member nations,

Since I was elected by member nations on July 2010, myself and board of administration members were working very highly professional international organization to meet your needs according to the international standards, so we were working in different directions, first to run the organization from day to day business, organize tournaments, competitions, seminars, and training courses as well as developing relations with international organizations and in particular with IPC and WADA, and second to establish WOVD future strategic plan, business plan and budget 2012-2020, based on membership development strategy, financial sustainability, marketing strategy, financial sustainability, marketing strategy, organizational development strategy, sports development strategy, and international relationship strategy, our key success measures are volunteer engagement, member satisfaction, financial viability, process and system.

6 board and MC committee meetings were held to establish our future organization from WOVD GA till now, and newsletters were sent to all member nations, committees, IF, and IPC to update all with our activities.

New proposed constitution was sent to member nations as outcome of our board meetings to meet the future strategic plan.

New organization chart was approved, web site was launched with lots of information, updating and upgrading in process to have more informative and impressive web site and reflect our products to start our marketing plan, as well as increase of number of member nations all over the world.

Marketing, media, and TV rights:

We are working in this field under direction of Mr. Wayne Hellquist, we are in contact with IPC, different organizations, media companies to find the right and suitable way to start our marketing plan including rebranding our organization, create media plan, has TV rights, establish sponsorship packages, direct and indirect marketing.
Sports Development:

Lots of efforts were done in this department, however we are looking for more efforts and looking for work closely with International organizations such FIVB, UN, UNESCO, IPC, etc... to promote and develop volleyball for persons with disabilities all over the world, also lots of efforts were done by zones in Africa, America, Asia, and Europe.

Beach standing volleyball is one of the outcome of development, the first tournament was organized in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as well as development beach volleyball conference was organized before the tournament, WOVD BoA approved the rules of the games, and now we have three disciplines Sitting, Standing and Standing beach volleyball, sitting beach volleyball in a way to be including within our activities.

Close cooperation and communication were done with African Paralympic Committee, Asian Paralympic Committee, and American Paralympic Committee.

The development committee is consist of: Chairperson Mr. John Kessel, members Dominique Bizimana – Tu Wei Ping – Suvi Aho under direction of Mr. Hadi Rezaei development director.

Sports activities and calendar:

Our sports director Mr. Denis Le Breuilly did great work and efforts for sports department, lots of activities were organized, full reports including all the sports department activities.

WOVD – IPC:

WOVD has very good and close relationship with International Paralympic Committee in different fields like Anti-Doping, marketing, sports activities and development.

I and Denis participated in IPC conference and GA was organized in China December 2011.
WOVD – FIVB:

We are in process to start good relationship with FIVB, as our newsletters were sent to FIVB on regular basis, letter was sent to President to have a cooperation in the field of development of volleyball for persons with disabilities alongside with their plan of development.

A cooperation between WOVD and British Volleyball Federation to present a motion in FIVB General Assembly which will be held in September 2012 in USA to start a program of cooperation between FIVB and WOVD.

LONDON Paralympic Games

A meeting was held with representative from LOGOC in January 2012 during the last board meeting, full report was presented, TV coverage will be available, and WOVD logo will be printed on competition balls.

Finally I would like to thank our team BoA members, commissions, and committees for their achievement as well as all member nations, and I hope for WOVD family the best reach their hopes in near future.

Dr. Hossam Eldin Mostafa
President
WOVD
The WOVD was originally founded in 1980 during the Paralympics in Arnhem, the Netherlands, and formally established in 1981 in Bonn, Germany. Coincidentally, now also the home of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

However, forms of both 'Sitting Volleyball' and 'Standing Volleyball' were already being played, and in 1967 the first international Sitting Volleyball tournament took place in Flensburg with teams from Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark. The organizer surprised the participants by using different rules – those for the German game “Sitzbal”.

In the same year a demonstration of Standing Volleyball for amputees was organized during the Stoke Mandeville Games in Aylesbury (GBR). Thus, standing volleyball was also played by athletes with a disability long before the international organization was founded. It has its roots at Stoke Mandeville in Great Britain and was originally only played by amputees. ‘Mandeville’ is the name given to the Paralympic Games mascot for London 2012. Due to the variation of amputation a classification system was set up, where players were put into one of nine categories. To encourage those with a more severe amputation to participate, a point system on court was introduced – each player received points for the degree of amputation – and 13 points was the minimal team requirement on court. This classification system was later reviewed and simplified.

In 1968 Wiesbaden (GER) organized an international Sitting tournament with the participants of Club teams from Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. The rules are very unclear; three different types of rules were to be played - Prellball, Fistball and Sitting Volleyball. The team of M.G.S. (NED) won the tournament. The main outcome was that the nations decided that future events must be played under a set of international rules.

In 1970 national activities took place in Austria and Great Britain, officially founding the game of "Standing" Volleyball for athletes with leg amputation. In Linz (AUS) a European Tournament for "Standing" teams was organized with an entry of 9 nations: FIN, AUS, CZE, POL, ISR, GBR, LUX, IND and GER. A classification system for Standing Volleyball was developed in England, by Mr. Len Softly, and proposed to the International Sports Organization for Disabled (ISOD).
In 1976 a Standing Volleyball tournament was organized in Bonn (GER) mainly to test the new classification system. The participating nations decided to raise the height of the net to FIVB men standards. The new system proved successful, because it resulted in comparable teams. ISR beat POL in the final. In the Sitting Volleyball tournament 4 teams participated and were finally ranked: GER, NED, FIN and LUX. Standing was introduced at the Toronto Paralympics.

In 1977 the Canadian athlete Rick Hansen introduced a Wheelchair-Volleyball program, but today there are very few instances of it being played. In 1978 the International Sports Federations for Disabled took the decision that The Netherlands would organize the Olympics for the Disabled in 1980, instead of Russia. The Netherlands successfully pressurized the International Federations into accepting Volleyball (both Standing and Sitting disciplines) as a new sport in the Paralympic program.

In 1979 the first international Volleyball tournament (Sitting and Standing), recognized by the International Federations, was organized in Haarlem (NED), as preparation for the 1980 Olympics. An important landmark was that the International Federations decided that the Sitting Volleyball rules, as played in the Netherlands, were to be applied during the Paralympics 1980.

1980. On the initiative of Mr. Pieter Joon (NED) an International Committee Volleyball for Disabled was set up during the Games. The provisional committee members were: Mr. I. Barlund (SWE), Mr. H. Haep (GER), Mr. K. Aga (NOR), Mr. R. Vute (YUG) and Mr. P. Joon (NED). Mr. Dr H. Natvig (NOR) was the physician appointed to control the international classification and eligibility of the players.

The pioneer nations were the seven who entered the Paralympics in Volleyball in Arnhem (NED). ISOD was established as the international governing body. The Sitting nations stated that they wished to compete only with a "minimal disability" and no further classification system. Considering the comparatively short period of existence Volleyball has developed markedly and continues to develop as a major sport for the disabled.
Looking back over the years the Netherlands must take the honors for having developed the game of Sitting Volleyball into a worldwide sport. From the early 50's till 1979 the game Sitting Volleyball was a mainly Dutch national game.

The introduction of Volleyball in the international Sport movement for the disabled in 1980 caused a fundamental problem, because the existing International Federations were organized into 4 disability categories, namely: Paralyzed - Amputees - Blind - Cerebral Palsy. A medical classification system was developed for each specific disability category. Volleyball was not focusing on a specific disability; on the contrary all athletes who could play were welcome. In the Sitting game a permanent minimal disability was required and in the Standing game the amputee classification has since been modified into a more functional A, B, C, classification system. This functional classification was based on the ability of the player and no longer on his/her disability.

In 1981 the first official European Championships for Sitting Volleyball are organized in Bonn (GER) with 10 teams participating. The final ranking was:
1. NED, 2. GER, 3. SWE, 4. FIN. 5. YUG, 6. NOR, 7. BEL, 8. AUS, 9. DEN and 10. LUX.

During the inaugural meeting the first election of an ISOD Volleyball Committee was held with the representatives of the pioneer nations. The name selected was the ISOD Volleyball Committee. The Board was composed of: Mr. P. Joon (NED) Chairman, Mr. K. Aga (NOR), Mr. I. Barlund (SWE), Mr. H. Haep (GER) and Mr. A. ‘t Hart (NED). Two important decisions the Committee made after the Championship were:
• The height of the net goes down from 1.20 m to 1.15 m.
• In Sitting Volleyball there will No Classification system as used in the Standing game. Only minimal disability criteria will be necessary.

It took till 1984 before one of the International Federations (ISOD) understood that more disabled people had the right to join the movement. Volleyball was the pioneer for a new International disability category called "Les autres". The advantage for Sitting Volleyball is that is has no hindering classification system as in other disabled team sports. To compose a Team a coach just has to find the players, without the restriction of a classification system or point system. This can perhaps explain the great success of this game in the disabled movement. In the Standing game the nations still have a classification system.
The team of the I.R. Iran took over the leading role in the Sitting game from the Netherlands in 1985. The transformation in disabled volleyball since then has been phenomenal. The increase has not just been in the development, but also the standard and number of competitions around the world, especially in the Sitting game. Starting as a rehabilitation technique Sitting Volleyball has grown to be one of the most popular team sports for athletes with a disability.

The first technical booklet about Sitting Volleyball was published in the Netherlands, the author being Mr. Jouke de Haan, then coach of the Dutch national Team.

In 1986 during the General Assembly the Nations took the decision that in future Mixed Teams (Women and Men) would not be permitted in official competitions.

In the same year, a new international event for Sitting Volleyball was organized in Enschede (NED). The Euro-Cup for Club Teams. It was stimulated by the WOVD that Club teams may play fully integrated with non-disabled in the local or national competitions. However in International competitions only one non-disabled player, per team, would be allowed. This ruling no longer applies. “Dio Bedum” (NED) was the first winner of the Euro-Cup.

In 1992 Pieter Joon, President WOVD, met Sir Juan Antonio Samaranch, President I.O.C. in Barcelona. Sr. Samaranch was very interested in the Sitting game and promised that he would stimulate the FIVB into a closer cooperation with the WOVD. A Sitting Volleyball coaching clinic was delivered in Jujuy. 19 participants received the "diploma" from WOVD Instructor Rajko Vute.

During the General Assembly in 1996 the member nations decided to adopt a new constitution and name for the organization. The organization was no longer to be a committee of the ISOD, but an independent organization named World Organisation Volleyball for Disabled (WOVD). The following officers were elected: Mr. P. Joon (President), Mr. T. Zühlsdorf (Vice President), Mr. W. Mateboer (Secretary General) Mr. P. Karsch (Treasurer), Mr. G. Radi (Technical Officer), Mr. G. Neale (Promotion/Development) and Mr. P. Pinelli (Medical Officer)
To mark the occasion the WOVD produced a new Volleyball Magazine, an edition of 1000 copies for athletes, member nations and promotion. The Magazine was printed in the Netherlands.

1996 Wijk aan Zee (NED). WOVD awarded the "Membership of Honor" to four individuals who had made a very significant contribution to the development of Volleyball for the disabled. Mr. Len Softly the founder of the Standing game for amputees, and Mrs. Anton Albers, Piet Hoogeveen and Tammo van der Scheer who had contributed for 40 years to the Sitting game. The ceremony took place during the 40th anniversary of the Dutch Sitting Volleyball club "KIS". Also in 1996, the first official meeting took place between representatives of the Confederation European de Volleyball (CEV), the ECVD and the WOVD. The aim of the meeting was to identify common elements and to develop cooperation to the advantage of Volleyball for Disabled. In March the Board of the CEV declared that Volleyball for Disabled belongs to the Volleyball Family and should be supported by the National Federations in Europe. The first WOVD Youth Festival is held in Kamnik (SLO) with participants from NED, CRO, SVK and SLO.

In 2000 The General Assembly was held on 25th October in Sydney. The most important item on the Agenda was the decision of the IPC to remove the Standing game from the Paralympic program and to add Women's Sitting Volleyball. The IPC decision was based on the criteria of all team disciplines having to be played in 18 countries across at least three of the four Zones to qualify. During the previous five years the Standing Competitions had not met those criteria.

In 2001 the WOVD Board decided that, with a new Policy and Plans, a new Logo should be designed. The logo was presented in the GA 2001 in Kamnik.

2006 At the GA held during the Triple World Championships, held in Roermond (NED) a new WOVD structure was accepted, and a new Constitution was planned.

2010 At a meeting at the World Cup, held in Port Said (EGY) the Management Committee decided the establish Africa as a separate zone, with former AACVD members being moved to the AOCVD Zone.
The largest WOVD World Championships (Sitting) was held in Oklahoma, USA, hosted by USA Volleyball and University of Central Oklahoma. For the first time A and B competitions were held. In total 21 Men’s teams and 12 Women’s team participated. Also for the first time entries included a team from Sub-Saharan Africa – Rwanda.
MISSION AND VISION
**Our Mission:**

To develop the sport of volleyball for our athletes.

We achieve this through excellence in leadership and governance, while providing comprehensive programs in competition, promotion and education.

**Our Vision:**

Volleyball is the most popular sport in the world for persons with a disability!
ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE
World Organisation of Volleyball for Disabled

WOVD

General Assembly

Board of Administration

President

General Manager

Management Committee

Committees and administration

Membership

Secretary

HR

Financial Dep

Sport department

Development Department

Marketing Department

Board of Administration

President

Sport Director

Development Director

Marketing Director

ECVD President

ACVD President

AOCVD President

General Manager
Management Committee

President

Sport Director
One zone President
General Manager

WOVD Sport Department

Sport Director

BoA member

VRC + zones
Commission

Rules
Commission

Medical & Scientific +
Commission

Technical + zones
Commission

Coach + zones
Commission

Classification
Committee

Anti Doping
Committee

Research & Education
Committee
WOVD Development Department

Development Director
BoA member

Chair
Appointed

Development Fund

ECVD
AOCVD
ACVD
PACVD

Marketing Department

Marketing Director
Appointed?

Chair + Zone + experts
Commission

Television
Liaison Experts

Social marketing
Liaison Experts

Sponsorship
Liaison Experts

Media
Liaison Experts

Founding
Liaison Experts
General Manager

Committees and administration

Judicial Experts
Finance Experts
General Manager Administration
Legal and ethics Experts
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**Vice President:** Toralv Thorkildsen

**Sports Director:** Denis Le Breuilly

**Development Director:** Hadi Rezaei

**Marketing Director:** Wayne Hellquist

**Africa Zone President:** Rachid Meskouri

**America Zone President:** Mike Hulett

**Asia Zone President:** Lam Song Shen

**Europe Zone President:** Toralv Thorkildsen

**General Manager:** Irma Bos

**Treasurer:** Gerard Brouwers (Exo)
REPORTS
Preface

Following the resignation of Mr. Gerard Brouwers at the time of the World Club Cup in Port Said, March 22nd-25th March 2010, Mr. Denis Le Breuilly was appointed by the WOVD Senior Management Team as Interim Competition Manager. At the beginning of April he was also confirmed as the Technical Delegate responsible for the delivery of the World Championships three months later, and accepted by the IPC as the WOVD representative on the International Paralympic (IPC) Sports Council.

Thanks to the exceptional work of USAV and their designated organisers, the University of Central Oklahoma, the World Championships were staged in July 2010. This followed a two inspection visit in May, the Competition Manager and Mr Joe Campbell of PACVD, and a three month period of intense preparation including the establishment of four competition courts. The 2010 Worlds was the largest World Championships in the history of WOVD, involving thirty three teams, with A and B Championships which had long been a WOVD target but had not previously been achieved. Sincere thanks to Mark Herrin and his team at UCO, in particular Leigha Joiner, for their excellent work, and congratulations on staging this major event. It should be noted that few hosts will in the future be able to host both A and B events, so a separate ‘B’ event will need to be a target.

At the General Assembly (GA), held in Oklahoma on 19th July, Denis Le Breuilly was officially appointed WOVD Competition Manager. This report covers the period since the last General Assembly.

PARALYMPIC TEAM AND PLAYER SLOTS

Prior to the GA the former President, Mr. Pierre Van Meenen, had personally negotiated with IPC an increase in the number of Men’s teams from eight to ten, agreeing that player slots would be reduced to eleven per team in order to achieve the extra teams.
He reported that the extra team slots were to be for Sub-Saharan Africa. The Board informed the GA that they had not been party to the negotiations and were not in agreement with either the reduction of team size or both slots going to the sub-zone. The GA expressed their strong opposition to the agreement and tasked the Board with attempting to renegotiate with the IPC for the return of the player slots, even if it meant sacrificing the two extra teams.

As the Board’s appointed liaison with IPC, Denis Le Breuilly negotiated with IPC.

The results are briefly summarised as follows:-

- IPC confirmed that it was never agreed, and they would never agree, that two team slots were to be allocated to Sub-Saharan Africa
- If WOVD were to give up the team slots they would be responsible for all the financial commitments already made by IPC – this was far beyond the means of WOVD
- The total number of athlete slots allocated to WOVD for London 2012 was 198 (11 per team for 10 Men’s teams and 8 Women’s teams). This was fixed and could not under any circumstances be increased to return to 12 players per team
- After further negotiations IPC agreed that WOVD could allocate any unused slots, provided the total did not exceed 198. This is now part of the IPC Qualification Procedure, as published on their website.

Further to this issue, IPC originally only allocated 44 athlete slots for the Parapan American Games (Four Men’s Teams of eleven players). Following further negotiations by the Competition Manager IPC:-

- agreed that the agreement made with the former President for London, with regard to the number of team players, should not be carried forward to future competitions, and consequently agreed to increase the number of athlete slots to 12 per team for the Parapan American Games
- recognized that WOVD would in future only work on the basis of the ‘Rules of the Game’, which clearly defines a team as including twelve players
- agreed to increase the number of teams to six, in view of the Competition Manager’s assurance that all six slots would be filled. This target was achieved.
SPORT DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

At the first Senior Management Committee Meeting, held in London in September 2010, the SMT developed a proposed structure of WOVD Commissions to put to the new Board of Administration. At the following Board Meeting, hosted by the Egyptian Paralympic Committee in November, the proposed Commissions for the Sport Department were accepted and a Coaching Commission was added, thus bringing all matters relating to competition ‘under one roof’. It was felt that the work of the Competition Manager involved far more than organizing competitions and it was decided to return to a previous title of Sport Director.

Since being appointed, the main aims of the Sport Director have included a) the development of a sound structure upon which to build, and b) increasing the number of active and experienced personnel within the department, linked to c) succession planning and sustainability, where the next generation of WOVD officers and officials are in place and prepared to take on roles. To this end, Commissions and Committees have been formed, or are currently being formed, which include representatives from each zone, plus additional experienced personnel where required. The current structure is shown below.
SPORT DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONS

REFEREE COMMISSION

The VRC, ably led by the extremely experienced Mr. Gaby Lotan (ISR), in partnership with Mr Pierre Farmer (CAN), have efficiently appointed to WOVD events, bearing in mind the experience, geographical location, and development requirements of their team of Referee Delegates, Referee Observers, International Referees and International Referees. In addition the four Zone Commissioners - Steve Walton (GBR) ECVD; Joe Campbell (USA) – PACVD; Khaled Salem Shanisha (LBA) ACVD; Steve Giugni (AUS) AOCVD, have been active in their respective zones, meeting the needs of their zonal competitions. Steve Giugni has been given special responsibility for Beach Volleyball Refereeing matters and has written the new rules for Standing Beach, which can be found on the website (www.wovd.info). Plans are in hand for the first WOVD Beach Referee courses later in 2012.

The Commission recognized the average age of its referees had increased and that a significant number have recently reached, or are about to reach, retirement age. Consequently, in May 2011 an International Referee Course was held on Sarajevo at which a 100% pass rate was achieved and twenty-four referees qualified as Candidate Internationals. Twenty-one of the referees, many of them young, were European and now meet the needs of ECVD events. For financial reasons candidates from Sub-Saharan Africa were unable to travel to Sarajevo. With the urgent need to meet the requirements of the Sub-Saharan London Qualifier, at a minimum cost, a second International Course was held in Egypt, with the Egyptian Paralympic Committee generously hosting the candidates. This resulted in the first five Sub-Saharan Referees qualifying as Candidate International Referees - Erick Gaju (RWA) formerly a Junior International Candidate, Elie Manirarora (RWA), Samuel Bukomo (UGA), Ali Saleh (KEN) and Tabitha Cherono (KEN). Tabitha became the first female WOVD Candidate International on the continent of Africa. All five had previously attended the Level 2 Course held in Port Said in 2010. Amina Elsergany (EGY) another candidate on the Port Said course has recently been appointed a s a referee for the Olympic Beach event, as has Dan Apol (USA) who was a successful candidate in Sarajevo. Both have recognized the contribution of the WOVD courses to their development and will remain WOVD referees.
The successful Sub-Saharan candidates made a significant contribution to the London Qualifying event hosted in Rwanda, four as referees, and Elie Marinarora as event organizer.

In addition to the International Referee courses, a Referee Observer Course was held in Sarajevo, the successful candidates were Steve Walton (GBR), Sari Mannersuo (FIN), Senad Helac (BIH) and Hans Kronenberg (NED).

We are indebted to Sport Club, OKI “Fantomi” for their hospitality and staging of the International Referee and Observer courses in Sarajevo.

Referee Observers are appointed to all WOVD events and a full assessment and reporting system is in place, with written and verbal feedback given to referees after nearly all matches. As the result of process fourteen referees were upgraded to International from Candidate International at the World Championships, and individuals have been upgraded since. Chief Referee Observer, Mr. Peter Koncnik (SLO) is a member of Referee Commission.

Having held International Courses in the European and African Zones in 2011, plans are in hand to host one in the Americas in 2012, and it is hoped to complete the first sequence with a course in Asia/Oceania.

**RULES COMMISSION**

This Commission has still to be formed. The Commission’s role will not be with regard to ‘Rules of the Game’ but with matters which cross the key areas.

**MEDICAL & SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION**

The Chair of the Medical and Scientific Commission, Dr Pavel Mustafin, and the Sport Director have been working closely to a) create a structure which makes better and fuller use of the current WOVD medical personnel, b) develop a course structure based on three Levels as with Refereeing, Coaching and Technical Officials, c) recruit new staff, d) meet the needs to achieve compliance with the *World Anti-Doping Code* (WADC), as administered by the *World Anti-Doping Agency* (WADA), and e) ensure WOVD comply with the *IPC Classification Code at all International events, and competitions which result in qualification for International events.*
Separate Committees have now been formed within the Medical and Scientific Commission as follows:-

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It should be noted that these committees may be subject to change, for example with the addition of experts in the various disciplines, and will be reviewed at the time of the World Championships in 2014. There are no separate Committees for Sitting, Standing and Beach. These committees, as is the case with the Commissions, deal with all our sport’s disciplines. It should be noted that the Commissions make decisions based on the work and recommendations of their Committees.

Anti-Doping

At the time of the World Championships in 2010 it was discovered that the WOVD Anti-Doping Code was not in compliance with the requirements of WADA and consequently WOVD had not received its Development Grant from IPC. Within three weeks this was quickly rectified, thanks to the work and assistance of Dr. Pavel Mustafin. In September 2010 WADA formally notified WOVD that the WOVD Code was compliant, which is still the case. Since that time WADA have moved to the next stage and the application of the Code. We were notified in September 2011 that to achieve compliance WOVD are required to, a) implement and report IN Competition Anti-Doping tests at its events, b) implement and report OUT of Competition testing for its Registered Testing Pool of athletes, c) implement the TUE process (Therapeutic Use Exemption, for athletes that have illnesses or conditions which require them to take particular medications), e) develop a results management system, and d) collect ‘Whereabouts’ reports for athletes who are part of the Registered Testing Pool and need to report on a regular basis, e) develop a program of Anti-Doping Education.

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The importance of compliance with the WADA requirements cannot be stressed enough. In correspondence WADA have quoted Article 20.2.3 of the Code which states that it requires the IPC “to withhold some or all Paralympic funding of sports organizations that are not in compliance with the Code. Furthermore, a Code compliant program is a requirement for inclusion in the Paralympic Games Programme.”

WOVD is one of only two International Federations who are classed as ‘non-compliant’ by WADA.

Working towards being totally ‘compliant’ with the WADA requirements:-

- the Anti-Doping Committee has been formed
- a strategic plan for WOVD Anti-Doping has been submitted to WADA
- a Registered Testing Pool of Athletes has been created and WADA have been notified
- nations have been notified of the Testing Pool and that they need to arrange the testing of their athletes and report results by 29th February 2012
- at the time of writing ,TUE Forms with an accompanying explanation are being distributed to teams involved in the North African Qualifier and the Intercontinental Cup, and a copies will be available on the WOVD website (www.wovd.info)
- IN Competition Testing has been arranged to take place at the two above named events and is required at all future international events, including those held in the zones. Laboratories need to be on the WADA Accredited list.
- The Chair of the Anti-Doping Committee, Dr Jun (Jamie) Ming Zhang (GBR) has been investigating the Education materials available and assessing where, when and how they might best be used
- There has been regular correspondence between the WOVD Sport Director and WADA and the WOVD Sport Director and the IPC Medical and Scientific Director.

At the IPC Sport Council and Conference, held in Beijing in December, the IPC Chief Executive Officer and the Medical and Scientific Director openly stated to the delegates/representatives that they felt WOVD should be classed as compliant and wrote to WADA to that effect.
However WADA’s view remains unchanged. Being compliant, in the sense of working with them to achieve the criteria is insufficient. We have to meet all their requirements and maintain the high levels required.

**Classification**

The Sport Department are aware that some members and individuals have had concerns about aspects of classification for a number of years. It is the intention of the Department to visit this topic after the Paralympic Games. To open the debate at this stage, only months before the Games, would not be productive. In January Dr. Pavel Mustafin, Chair of the Medical and Scientific Commission attended a meeting of all the Chief Classifiers for the Paralympics at the IPC in Bonn. Information from that Conference, together with that from the IPC Vista Conference in September, also in Bonn, attended by the Classification Committee Chair Jurate Kesiene, other research materials and the views of members and individuals will be used to re-examine the classification criteria. It should be noted that we have to meet the IPC criteria on classification, just as we have to meet those of WADA on Anti-Doping.

**Research and Education**

This committee comes under the Medical and Scientific Commission. At the time of writing, its remit has not yet been fully discussed and decided. Some elements of Research and Education will now fall under the remit of new Committees and Commissions e.g., anti-doping and coaching education, but it is the intention to make full use of the considerable experience of this newly formed Committee. Some work has already commenced. Following the Beach Volleyball Conference, generously hosted by AOCVD in Malaysia in November 2010, we are grateful for the work of the Chair of this Committee Mr Atha Papageorgiou for the subsequent research he both undertook and initiated during 2011, into both Standing and Sitting Beach (see Appendix Beach Working Party Report). His report will no doubt help the Beach Working Group to make informed decisions. Such research, on a range of issues, will undoubtedly make a major contribution to the work of other Committees and Commissions and the decisions of the Board.
It is understood that a Competition Commission was formed at the time of the Beijing Games with Mr. Barry Couzner as Chair, but that it had been largely inactive because it was not tasked on a regular basis. When the new Sport Department structure was being discussed I recommended a change of name to Technical Commission, and expressed the intention to make far fuller use of the considerable Olympic and Paralympic experience of Barry Couzner (AUS). This has proved highly successful. An updated draft of the WOVD Sport Regulations has been produced after considerable hours of work, both face to face and on skype. This updating is a continuous process. Mr Couzner has worked tirelessly on such events as the Standing World Cups in Cambodia and the Intercontinental Cup, both as the appointed Technical Delegate. As Chair of the Beach Taskforce created at the Beach Conference, he has been very active in the development of all aspects of Beach Volleyball (see separate section of report). In addition he has been appointed to the London Paralympics as Assistant Technical Delegate and has been kept informed in case he needs to step in as Technical Delegate should anything untoward happen to me. This is a prime example of the succession planning the Sport Department are attempting to put in place, which is another purpose of the formation of the Committees and Commissions. The Technical Commission consists of the Technical Officers from each zone: Mr. Maciej Chodzko-Zajko (ECVD), Mr ‘Billy’ Lee Yong Heng (ACOVD), Mr. Pierre Farmer (CAN) and Mr. Amauri Ribeiro (BRA) sharing PACVD, and newly appointed Mr. Emad Ramadan (ACVD).

It is necessary that the Sport Director and Chair of Technical Commission communicate regularly, which usually means an almost daily skype. Communication between many of the Sport Department staff, and between staff and the Sport Director, has been excellent and very good working relationships have been established. Hopefully others will start to make full use of the technology available.
COACHING COMMISSION

The members of this new Commission are yet to be decided. As Sport Director I am grateful to those who have applied, both for the Commission and to be course tutors, and I apologize for the delay. I am afraid that other work has overtaken this issue at the moment but the Commission will be established, and tutors selected as soon as a ‘window of opportunity’ arises. The Commission has been established to develop courses for Level 1 (Regional), Level 2 Zonal and eventually Level 3 International coaches. Though a number of courses have been written and delivered in the past, there has been little standardization and continuity. There has been no database of approved tutors and no record of courses delivered and successful candidates. There has been no guarantee that a Level 1 delivered in one Region/Zone will bear any resemblance in minimum duration, content, methods of assessment, etc., to a course in another part of the world. It is the intention to write courses so that they can be delivered by WOVD approved tutors in the Zones and nations, will have minimum standards and will result in formal WOVD qualifications, which once gained will enable individuals to move up the coaching ladder.

Prior to the formation of the Commission, a Coaching Working Group has been established to write the Level 1 course. The group consists of Mr. Peter Karreman (NED), Mr. Jouke De Haan (NED), Mr. Martin Blechschmidt (GER), Mr Wei Ping Tu (AUS) and Mr John Kessel (USA). The Level 1 course is particularly important to meet the needs for development in Africa, Central America, Indonesia, Oceania, etc., where we are gaining members and considerable ‘grassroots’ work is taking place. We are indebted to Mr Jouke De Haan, who has taken the lead on this project. Plans are in hand for the course to be trialled in East Africa in April.
COMPETITIONS

As reported earlier, the **2010 Worlds** proved a major success, thanks to the partnership of USA Volleyball, the University of Central Oklahoma and WOVD officials.

The final places were as follows:

**MEN:**

   *B* Championship
1st (13) Kazakhstan, 2nd (14) Morocco, 3rd (15) Hungary, 4th (16) Canada, 5th (17) Great Britain, 6th (18) Libya, 7th (19) South Korea, 8th (20) Rwanda,

Also competed – India.

*India were found to be ‘Not in Good Standing’ with regard to payments to UCO and have been suspended. Payment has still not been made, despite numerous emails, and they are not eligible to compete in or host any competitions.*

**WOMEN:**

*B* Championship 1st (9) Japan, 2nd (10) Brazil, 3rd (11) Great Britain, 4th (12) Canada.

Following a presentation by their representatives at a WOVD Board Meeting in Oklahoma, and an Inspection Visit by the Sport Director in June 2011, the Board have awarded the 2014 World Cup to Poland, with the appointed organizers being the ATAK club of Elblag.

India were bidding to host the **WOVD World Club Cup Sitting** in Bangalore, but due to their suspension this did not materialize. No other nation submitted an 'Expression of Interest' to host. The Sport Department invite Expressions of Interest for the 2013 event.
It should be noted that at the time of my appointment the only event in place was the 2010 World Championships. There was no bid for the 2011 Junior World Championships. Negotiation are currently taking place with regard to the 2013 Junior World Championships, following an Expression of Interest by University of Central Oklahoma to host a Junior World Championships for Men and Women. It is recognized that the majority of countries will not have complete teams to compete at the lower age groups, though investigations show that there are a substantial number of young players. The proposal is to hold a 'Development Camp' for young players during the Junior Championships, culminating in a series of matches. Nations would be able to take as many, or as few, young players as they wished. Sport Department would like to hear from all Federations who have young players who may participate.

The Standing World Cup was held in Cambodia, for the third time, in July 2011. It proved a major marketing success in Cambodia thanks to the magnificent efforts of Mr. Chris Minko and his team. With over 5,000 (five thousand) spectators and live TV for the evening matches the atmosphere would be hard to match. With the election of a new WOVD President, this event saw a very marked improvement in the relationship between the organizers and WOVD. Both parties are now developing the partnership, which can only be to the benefit of the athletes. Results were as follows:–

1st Germany, 2nd Cambodia, 3rd Sri Lanka, 4th Slovakia, 5th Kazakhstan, 6th Lao.

Sri Lanka proved the surprise team of the event and they are considering hosting the Standing World Championships in 2013.

The bad news was that an evening televised match had to be postponed because the monsoon rains penetrated the roof and made the court unplayable, the good news is that the incident should lead to a new floor, which was much needed, and possibly the refurbishment of the stadium. Cambodia are now planning another World Cup in December 2012, with the addition of a Beach Standing event. The Standing event is dependent on the provision of the new floor. The Beach event will be part of a World Series leading to the first Beach World Championships planned for 2014. There is an Expression of Interest from Australia for this event.
Negotiations are also underway for a Beach Series event in Germany, also this year. Further bids are invited. It is the intention to make the World Series events qualifiers for the Beach World Championships.

Following the very successful landmark conference on Beach Volleyball that was held in Kuala Lumpur in November, 2010, the 1st AmBank Malaysia Beach Volleyball Masters, October 2011 served as a WOVD sanctioned test event following the principles agreed to at the conference. Eight teams entered, including three from Sri Lanka. The final rankings were: 1st Poland, 2nd Germany, 3rd Sri Lanka A, 4th Sri Lanka B, 5th Kazakhstan, 6th Sri Lanka C, 7th Australia, 8th Malaysia.

It is worth noting that there has been a 35% increase in paid membership since 2009. I am indebted to Treasurer Mr. Gerard Brouwers for his assistance in achieving this good progress. However, it should be noted that there still nations who have not paid for 2011 and there is very considerable room for improvement.

**LONDON PARALYMPICS 2012**

Special thanks to the organizers of all the Zonal and Sub-Zonal Qualification events, for London 2012. Congratulations to ECVD on the European Championships in Rotterdam, to AOCVD and the Asian Paralympic Committee for the Asian Para Games in Guangzhou, to PACVD and Mexico for the Parapan American Games (Men), to Brazil for staging the Pan American Championships (Women) in Sao Paulo and to Rwanda for staging the Sub-Saharan Qualifier, a landmark event for the sub-zone. Also to Egypt our hosts for the North African Qualifier and the Intercontinental Cup.

Qualification event organization in ACVD has proved extremely difficult, mainly because of the political situations which have occurred in North Africa and the difficulties with obtaining finance for events in the Sub-Saharan sub-zone. The North African Qualifier was originally planned for Libya, moved to Cairo, moved to Algeria and then back to Cairo! Rwanda are to be congratulated for a magnificent effort in staging the best ever event in the sub zone, helped by funding from various sources, including the WOVD Development Fund and a grant from UK Sport. Many obstacles were overcome to stage this event, at the end of which equipment was donated to all teams to aid their future development.
Hopefully the new interim ACVD Committee appointed by the WOVD Board will now develop their competition schedule and the officials necessary to stage their own Zonal events.
The current teams qualified for the London Paralympics are shown in the Appendices, as are the appointed officials. All officials have now submitted their uniform sizes and have been given their flight details. There will be online registration of teams, and teams have been requested to prepare biographies of all their athletes. Teams are reminded that all players must hold a passport for the nation they are representing.
The Sport Director has made two official ‘Inspection’ visits (March 2011-July 2011), plus held several informal meetings with the Deputy Competition Manager and the LOCOG Sport Event Manager. In July the inspection involved assessment of the NTOs for London, who were officiating (line judges, scorers and assistant scorers) at the ECVD Continental Cup in Kettering, England. A further three official visits are planned before the event. The last Board Meeting was hosted by Volleyball England in conjunction with the British Volleyball Federation. One full day was spent on an update regarding all key aspects of the Games by LOCOG, including detailed plans of the venue, and a visit to ExCel, where the Sitting Volleyball will be staged. All were impressed with the facilities, the professionalism of LOCOG and the advanced stage of preparations. Sitting Volleyball will be one of only seven sports receiving TV Broadcast coverage and are currently one of the top three most prepared sports.

**International Paralympic Committee**

It is my pleasure to report that since attending my first IPC Sport Council Meeting in 2010, at which there was also the opportunity to meet key LOCOG staff as Technical Delegate, the relationship between IPC and WOVD has been excellent. Negotiations over the Paralympic Games, and Parapan American Games, team and athletes slots were open and amicable. I have received excellent advice and support from all departments with whom I have had to deal with as Sport Director and as the WOVD Representative on the IPC Sports Council. In addition to Sport Council Meetings I have also attended the IPC Marketing and Communications Conference in Berlin in July 2011, on behalf of Marketing Director Mr. Wayne Hellquist. This proved to an excellent opportunity for networking with the National Paralympic Committee representatives, and provided valuable ideas and materials for the new Marketing Department. In December 2011 I was the WOVD representative at the IPC Sport Council, IPC Conference and IPC Assembly, all held in succession in Beijing.
Additionally:-
A meeting was also held with IWAS in March 2011 to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding between our organizations. Numerous meeting have been held with Federation Officials to discuss possible hosting of future events.

SPORT DEPARTMENT
WOVD STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

For the future it is important to know which goals have to be reached. A WOVD Strategic Plan has been drafted which sets goals for the Sport Director and the Department, and defines some specific actions required for the coming years.

YEARS 2012, 2013, 2014

| 1.2 | Review, revise, create educational programs for |
|     | - coaches |
|     | - classifiers |
|     | - referees |
|     | - technical officers. |

This is currently ahead of schedule. Pathways, based on three Levels (Level 1 Regional, Level 2 Zonal, Level Three International) have been created and agreed by the relevant leads in each field.

Coaches: A Working Group has been established and the draft Level 1 course structure was completed by 31\textsuperscript{st} December, meeting the target set by the Sport Director. Materials are currently being assessed and compiled for a tutor disc, and the pilot course is set for April 2012. Once the course has been finalized it will be released to approved tutors in the zones. Materials considered too advanced for Level 1 are being kept for the next stage of development.

Classifiers: The Pathway has been agreed and work is commencing on establishing the requirements for each level, starting with Level 1. There are already qualification criteria in place.

Referees: Referee Courses are the most established. A very successful Level 2 Course was held for 20 applicants in Port Said in March 2010. This was designed as a stepping stone to International. Out of this course eight have already progressed to Candidate International, following the courses in Sarajevo and Cairo. Five of the original twenty were not young enough to take an international course, so more than half of the eligible candidates
have become Candidate Internationals and have already received either zonal or WOVD International appointments. A joint Level 1, Level 2 and International Course was delivered in Cairo. The next stage is to produce tutor disks for each level. Courses are now being considered to create qualified WOVD Beach Referees.

Technical Officials: The Level 1 Course has been written and delivered. The first course was in Rwanda at the time of the Sub-Saharan Qualifier and resulted in all four candidates passing Level 1 to qualify them for Jury work.

YEARS 2012, 2013, 2014

5.1 Undertake applied research relevant to our sport

A Research and Education Committee has been established. Research has already taken place, particularly with regard to Beach Sitting. Rules of the Game for Beach Standing and Beach Sitting have been based on the FIVB Rules and adapted according to the result of the Research completed. After the Paralympics a key area of research will be the classification system. Research will be on going as needs arise.

2012

5.2 Develop a detailed 3-year calendar of competitive events, pro-actively securing hosts

Though the end of 2012 is set by the Strategic Plan as the target date, it is hoped to set the calendar of major events for a longer period than three years. A ‘model’ calendar has been set for the period up to 2020, though that is obviously likely to change as WOVD Develops. The detail within the calendar is reliant on the information received from the Zones. They do not all find it easy the set dates three years in advance. The Sport Director has been pro-actively trying to secure hosts. The system of Stage 1 “Expression of Interest”, Stage 2 Bid Document and Stage 3 Contract has been established with forms and accompanying information produced. An invite to host events was sent out to all nations.

2012

5.4 Establish clear qualification requirements to compete in major events

A draft format for a qualification path that begins with sub-zonal events, qualifying for zonal and then World has been discussed with the Board. In the case of Club World Championships this could even commence at
National level. The structure will be examined further and assessed as to how well it could be applied in the zones. Some sub-zones currently have too few teams, so it would be a structure to ‘grow into’. The Paralympic criteria need to be revised. Having two sub-zones in Africa, as a result of the previous decision to have a Sub-Saharan qualifier, cannot be applied in the future. PACVD have sub-zones and so do AOCVD, it has also been discussed with ECVD, bearing in mind the proposed structure above. A qualification procedure involving sub-zones will not be possible for Rio de Janeiro 2016. IPC are currently rewriting the criteria document. We decide on the criteria we wish to apply within the document.

A second aspect of this Strategic Plan item is the qualification requirements for individual athletes. An anomaly at the moment is that IPC require all athletes at the Paralympics to have a passport for the country they represent, whereas according to current WOVD Rules players can play in Qualification events if they can prove two years continuous residency in the country. Thus a team can qualify with players who are not eligible for the Paralympics. This has implications for the other teams bidding to qualify and for the quality of the Paralympic Competition. This policy needs to be reviewed.

2012

5.5 Create anti-doping policy and implement it

The policy has been produced in advance of the due date, mainly as a result of the need to achieve compliance with WADA. The document WOVD Anti-Doping Code has been updated and was accepted by WADA in September 2010. Our Strategic Plan to achieve compliance has been forwarded to and agreed by WADA; it has also been approved by the IPC Medical and Scientific Director. Implementation is the responsibility not only of WOVD at major events but also of the Zones. IN Competition Anti-Doping tests now need to be part of all contracts. NPCs/Federations also have a responsibility to conduct OUT of competition tests when instructed by WOVD. It should be noted that compliance depends on what WOVD and its representatives implement. Some nations already have excellent Anti-Doping procedures and take regular tests, those tests cannot be counted towards our compliance.
2012

| 5.6 | Create classification system for each discipline (sitting, standing, sitting beach and standing beach) and implement it at the international, national and zonal level |

The classification system is already in place for all four disciplines. Beach classification will be the same as indoor. However, there will be a review of classification with specific emphasis on sport specific issues and the differences between Standing and Sitting Classifications, after the Paralympics. It should be noted that we have to be compliant with the IPC Classification Code. It is definitely not to our advantage as a Paralympic sport to increase the number of athletes with minimal disability. Where national level is concerned this does not exclude the integration of able-bodied and a greater number of minimal disability players for development purposes. However, it does apply where the competitions result in qualification for a higher level competition, e.g. for a National Club Championship where the winners go forward to a Regional or Zonal championship.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

To those of you who have read this far, I congratulate you on your stamina and commitment. Though there are undoubtedly more activities that could have been reported, I hope this report has provided some evidence of what has been achieved by the Sport Department since my appointment just prior to the last General Assembly in Oklahoma, as well as an indication of some of the reasoning behind the decisions made and actions taken. My sincere thanks go to all those who have supported any aspect of my work and the work of colleagues in the Sport Department. I feel that WOVD has moved into a new era and hopefully the Sport Department will help the organization achieve all that it strives for in the interest of all athletes.
A: Background

As we know Africa—the second largest continent—occupies about one-fifth of the earth’s land. The continent is an immense plateau, a region of striking contrasts, less than one-fifth of the land is covered by great forests, and most of them are tropical rain forests. Though most of the continent is grasslands, the world’s largest desert, the Sahara, lies across 3.5 million square miles (3 million square kilometers) of the northern region. The world’s largest river, the Nile, flows through Africa’s northeastern section. The equator passes through almost the exact middle of the continent. Thus, about 90% of Africa are in the tropic zones. The parts of the continent that lies at low elevations are hot all year long. Rain falls year-round in the Congo Basin and in some of the coastal areas, where the rain forests are located. But most of Africa has long dry seasons with only one or two spells of heavy rainfall.

Many different kinds of people inhabit Africa, in northern Africa, mainly in Algeria, Morocco; live in-groups of people called the Berbers. Most Berbers are light-skinned, dark-haired people. Then ancestors can be traced back thousands of years in Africa. Also living in this region are Arabs whose ancestors came from Arabian Peninsula more than 1,3200 years ago. Another group, people of European descent whose ancestors settled in Africa in the 1600 are live along the Mediterranean coast. Black Africans make up about 70% of all the African people. They are dark-skinned and have black, curly hairs mostly of the people of the Sahara are black Africans.

Black Africans also inhabit most of the land south Sahara; their ancestors lived in the north many thousands of years ago, when the Sahara was a fertile grass LAN. Many began moving southward when the Sahara started to become a desert. A group of small people called Pygmies dwell in the rain forests of Central Africa, Pygmies have reddish-brown skin and tightly curled brown hair. They live primarily in small bands of fewer than 50 members; each Pygmy band has its own territory in the forest. These people look on the forest as the given of life, because it provides them with food, clothing, protection and shelter.
In Southwest Africa live two groups of people who have yellowish-brown skin and black, tightly coiled hair, these people known as San (or Bushmen) and Kohekohe are members of African Khoisan Culture. Some of these Africans gather wild plant food and hunt animals. Others work on rural reserves, cattle ranches or farms.

The major groups living in the far South are descendants of the Europeans who came to Africa during the last four hundred years and of East Indians who came during the last century. The African Island of Madagascar is home to many people whose ancestors came from Indonesia about 2000 years ago. All these people make up hundreds of different ethnic groups, each with its own language or dialect. There are more than 800 different languages and many dialects in Africa. The fact that European nations had at one time established colonies throughout Africa was neglected in the official languages of a number of Africa’s 53 nations. French is an official language of 20 nations; English of 18, Portuguese of 3 and Arabic is the official language of 7 African nations. While many citizens can speak their country’s official language, most of them speak mainly a language or a dialect of their ethnic group.

In Africa, a great number of people still live in rural era in exactly the smart way that their ancestors lived for hundreds and hundreds of years. However, some Africans lead very modern lives in large cities that are similar in many ways to ones in North America and Europe. Most urban dwellers have a higher standard of living than rural people to move into the cities. Most of the countries are still evolving from its social, economical and poor colonial problems, which gives us a large instability in most of the countries up to even the civil wars with any casualties. Also because of God’s help we are just recently away from the racial problems in our continent, moreover, the socio-economic condition and poverty is one of the mains caused of various diseases, which attack the continent and as a result, lot of disabilities.

The population of Africa is around 800 million, about 10% of the population according to WHO are disabled persons. From these points, we realized that we have to help our continent specially our disabled people.
B: Mission and vision

Our mission is spreading volleyball for persons with disabilities in all Africa, and our vision to enhance every person with disabilities to play volleyball on recreational basis and then on competitive basis.

C: Member nations

we have 11 active countries: Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Congo.

D: The Objectives:

1. Spread Volleyball for persons with disabilities in Africa.
2. Create a new generation of over-qualified staff to deal with Volleyball for persons with Disabilities.
3. Train and educate different levels of players with disabilities to practice sports.
4. Inclusion of persons with disabilities in the society.
5. Organize continental, international and regional sports competitions & tournaments.
6. Enhance national organizations to include Volleyball for persons with disabilities in schools, universities, institutions, associations and clubs.

E: The work Plan

Our plan cover the following points:

1- Data Base: we have data base about all sports organizations in Africa

2- Volleyball for persons with disabilities information will be available in the four spoken languages in Africa (English, French, Portuguese and Arabic).
3- Dividing Africa into 4 region:

Region I  
North African Countries
Region II  
East African Countries
Region III  
South African countries
Region IV  
West African countries

Development and promotion of volleyball in each region on equal basis is our aim and organize of events, activities, seminars, training courses & clinics in each region will be our objectives.

4- We have 3 discipline male & female in volleyball (Sitting Volleyball, Standing Volleyball, Beach Volleyball), but we are concentrating on Sitting Volleyball men & women.

5- Organizing Seminars, Clinics, training courses for classifiers, Coaches, trainers and referees to qualify persons in the field of volleyball for persons with disabilities.

**Competitions were organized:**

Two qualification tournament were organized, the first one for Africa Sub Sahara was held in Kigali Rwanda in November 2011, with participating of 5 nations Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, and Congo, Rwanda was qualified to London Paralympic Games, the second competition was held in Cairo Egypt February 2012, 3 nations participated Egypt, Morocco, and Libya, Morocco was qualified.

International referee course was organized in Cairo Egypt in October 2011 with participation of 5 African nations.
F: Interim Zonal Committee:

WOVD Board of Administration decided to appoint an interim zonal committee for two years till the zone organize zonal general assembly as follow:

- **President:** Rachid Meskouri from Algeria
- **Technical officer:** Emad Ramadan from Egypt
- **Development officer:** Dominique Bizimana from Rwanda
- **Referee commissioner:** Khaled Salem from Libya
- **Classification officer:** Dr. Innocent from Uganda
- **Secretary General:** Vacant
PACVD Zonal report

November 2010 to December 2011

Mexico, Costa Rica, and Columbia have become members, a 100% increase in Pan American Zone membership! They intend to participate in the Para Pan American Games in Mexico.

Zonal Championships 2011 for Women were held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 28 thru October 2, 2011. Results were USA, Brazil, Canada, Columbia. Brazil earns the spot in the Paralympic Games.

Para Pan American Games held in Guadalajara, Mexico November 14-18, 2011 still serve as the Zone Championship. Results were Brazil, USA, Canada, Columbia, Mexico, and Costa Rica. Brazil earns the spot in the Paralympic Games.

Haiti has made contact thru Denis and John Kessel has responded regarding development efforts there, including tents, a court surface, net systems, balls etc.

Funding remains an issue. Specifically the PPA Games has denied the zonal fee to the zone for both Men and Women, since at least 2003. These funds are required to begin planning development projects for the new member nations and other potential nations in South America.

South American Games concept to be proposed to the Zone Committee as a development project.

Zone Championship schedule has been laid out thru 2017
In 2013 Canada is planning to host a combined (Men & Women) zone championship.
In 2015 the Para Pan American Championship will be held in Toronto for both Men & Women
In 2017 USA would like to host the zone championship.
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Asia Oceania Committee Volleyball for Disabled (AOCVD)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Asia Oceania Committee Volleyball for Disabled (AOCVD) is the Zonal Committee of Asia Oceania in the World Organisation Volleyball for Disabled (WOVD).

1.2 This regional Committee is responsible for the development of the sports in the region besides coordinating and overseeing the implementation of projects. The Committee also renders full support and cooperation to the world body (WOVD) in its endeavour to promote and popularize the sports.
2010-2014 NEW BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
ASIA OCEANIA COMMITTEE VOLLEYBALL for DISABLED

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ASIA OCEANIA COMMITTEE VOLLEYBALL for DISABLED

2010-2014 BOARD of ADMINISTRATION
## MEMBER NATIONS

### ASIA OCEANIA COMMITTEE VOLLEYBALL for DISABLED

1. MEMBER NATIONS

As at 31st March 2010, the AOCVD has only 15 registered member nations and initiative is ongoing to encourage more nations to join the family.

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<td>Brief</td>
<td>Eighteen (18) men’s teams and eighteen (18) women’s teams from different provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities participated in the championship with a total of 627 participants. The top eight (8) men and women’s teams qualified for the 8^{th} National Games for People with Disabilities, 2011</td>
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### 2. AOCVD BEACH VOLLEYBALL for DISABLED SEMINAR

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<td>Design and Formation of Beach Volleyball Rules and Classification for the Disabled</td>
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**Brief**

AOCVD initiated the first seminar to design and form the rules and classification for the Beach Volleyball game for the disabled. Experts and participants from six nations - Australia, Germany, Egypt, Malaysia, the United Kingdom and the United States participated in this seminar.
### 3. ASIAN PARA GAMES 2010, GUANGZHOU, CHINA

**Date**: 12th ~ 19th DECEMBER 2010  
**Venue**: Guangzhou, China PR  
**Category**: Men & Women Qualifying Competition for Paralympic Games 2012  
**Brief**: The runners-up - Japan Women’s team and China Men's team qualified for the 2012 Paralympic Games, London in this tournament. The champions – China (W) and Iran (M) qualified in the World Championships, Oklahoma, USA (2010)

### 4. 2011 AOCVD VOLLEYBALL FOR DISABLED INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

**Date**: 3rd ~ 6th SEPTEMBER 2011  
**Venue**: Colombo, Sri Lanka  
**Category**: Development Initiative  
**Brief**: Mr. Billy Lee (MAS) and Mr. Hadi Razaei Garkani (IRI) conducted the Beach and Sitting volleyball for disabled to 40 participants.
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### 6. 1st APC VOLLEYBALL-SITTING OPEN CUP 2011 CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Date:** 16 – 26 November 2011  
**Venue:** China Administration of Sports for People with a Disability (CASPĐ)  
**Venue:** Beijing, China.

**Category:** MEN & WOMEN SITTING VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**Brief:** Organized with collaboration with Asian Paralympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee of China and AOCVD, Mr. TU Wei Ping (Technical Delegate) and Ms CHANG Irene (Asst. Technical Delegate) ran this first inaugural APC event. It attracted seven (7) Men teams and five (5) Women teams from 7 countries.

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SECOND PLACE: GOSTARESH FOUlad TABRIZ (IRI)  
THIRD PLACE: CHINA

**Women**  
CHAMPION: CHINA  
SECOND PLACE: FOUlad MAHAN SEPAHAN (IRI)  
THIRD PLACE: JAPAN
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### Date
10th - 19th DECEMBER 2011

### Venue
Manahan Gym, Solo, Central Java, Indonesia

### Category
AOCVD Refereeing and Classification

### Brief
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| Brief              | For the first time in the ASEAN Para Games history that Sitting Volleyball event made its inaugural appearance with the participation of six (6) Men teams and three (3) women teams from 6 nations – Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Timor-Leste. A good indication of the follow-up of the Workshop conducted earlier. Results of the event:
|                    | **Men**                                |
|                    | CHAMPION : THAILAND                   |
|                    | SECOND PLACE : MYANMAR                |
|                    | THIRD PLACE : INDONESIA               |
|                    | **Women**                             |
|                    | CHAMPION : INDONESIA                  |
|                    | SECOND PLACE : MALAYSIA               |
|                    | THIRD PLACE : TIMOR-LESTE             |
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<td>The course will be organized by the I.R. Iran Sports Federation for the Disabled (IRISFD) in cooperation with Asian Paralympic Committee (APC). This course will include Coaching people with a Disability, Sitting and Standing Rules, Beach Volleyball for Disabled and D-Volleyball Classification</td>
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6. **FINANCE**

AOCVD has no means of any income other than the team entry fees collected from participating nations in the regional tournaments. As such, most activities carried out are dependent on the support of member-nations, National Paralympic Committee, and individual. At the moment, the day-to-day expenses and special projects are fully funded by the President and sourced sponsors – AMBANK, PELIKAN, Dynasty Hotel etc.

6.1 **Fund-Raising Programme**

6.1.1 The AOCVD hopes to organize a Fund-raising cum Awareness campaigns with the cooperation of the Malaysia Government and nation members

6.2 **Monetary Sponsorships**

6.2.1 Corporate sponsorships shall be made to secure some regular funding for the running of the AOCVD on a yearly basis

6.3 **Equipment sponsorships**

6.3.1 Seeking and producing of AOCVD Official Equipment such as the net, posts, Official Balls and Official Referees Attire is underway with a few international companies.
7.1.2 In view of the diversity among Asian & Oceania countries in terms of language, culture, economy, social and location, there is a need to encourage everyone to participate actively and proactively in the development of the sports.

7.1.3 In addition, the Board had also agreed upon a common motto for the AOCVD’s member nations as follows:

7.2 **Get-A-Member campaign**

7.2.1 All member-nations will be requested to get at least a country to join the WOVD in their respective region:

1. South Asia
2. East Asia
3. South East Asia
4. West Asia
5. Central Asia

7.3 **AOVCD Website**

7.3.1 The AOCVD website is already in operation and is updated from time to time. All member-nations are encouraged to contribute materials and news of their local volleyball activities to the website – [www.aocvd.org](http://www.aocvd.org)

7.4 **Human Resource Developments**

The following activities had been proposed to equip AOCVD member nations’ officials with the technical knowledge and expertise in order for them to contribute effectively to the development of the sports as a whole.

7.4.1 **Coaches Clinics**

Shall be carried out in every AOCVD tournament to enable coaches to share and exchange knowledge and expertise.
7.4.2 **Referees Clinics**
Shall be carried out prior to each tournament to enhance and update the knowledge and art of refereeing the sports.

7.4.3 **AOCVD Candidate International Referees Course**
It had been agreed and with the blessing of the WOVD that Zonal CIR courses be carried out to enable more referees to be qualified in this zone. English shall not necessary be the prerequisite to their appointment but only English proficient candidate will be nominated to the WOVD CIR courses.

7.4.4 **AOCVD Classifiers Courses**
It is the aspiration and target of the AOCVD that every member nation will have qualified Classifiers in the near future.

7.4.5 **AOCVD Technical Training**
It is also the AOCVD policy to ensure that there is a transfer of knowledge and expertise in respect to the technical aspects of organizing a tournament to the Local Organizing Committee of a tournament.

7.4.6 **Exchange Programmes**
Exchange programmes involving coaches and players shall be dealt with seriously to enable stronger member nations to assist and help other member nations to excel in the sports.

7.4.7 **Introducing Standing Beach Volleyball**
The test run of the Standing Beach Volleyball has taken off in Shah Alam, Malaysia and the reports submitted by Mr. Barry Couzner, OAM, has been circulated to the relevant authorities and individuals to brainstorm for improvement.

7.5 **Promotional Programmes**
7.5.1 With the cooperation of the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC), a Seminar with the theme 'Volleyball for All' shall be organized to provide an insight into Volleyball for Disabled and its management.
7.5.2 An introductory Volleyball for Disabled Kit shall also be introduced and given to new member-nations to encourage them to develop and promote the sports. This has started in Solo, Indonesia during the 6th ASEAN Para Games where CDs (containing training videos, rules of the sitting and standing volleyball for Disabled and competition matches) were passed to other nations.

7.6 **Asia Oceania Tournaments**

At the moment, the most popular category played by most nation members is the Men Open Sitting Volleyball although the Women is still at its infancy stage. It should be mentioned that nation member, CAMBODIA is actively and vigorously promoting the Men Open Standing Volleyball, not only in the region but also at the world level. As such, these three disciplines shall be maintained subject to support and participation of all nation members.

- 7.6.1 Asia Oceania Men Sitting Volleyball Championship
- 7.6.2 Asia Oceania Women Sitting Volleyball Championship
- 7.6.3 Asia Oceania Men Standing Volleyball Championship
  In addition, the AOCVD is currently looking into the possibilities of including the following categories:
- 7.6.4 Asia Oceania Men Junior Sitting Volleyball Championship
- 7.6.5 Asia Oceania Men Standing Beach Volleyball Championship
- 7.6.6 Asia Paralympic Cup in collaboration with the Asian Paralympic Committee
CONCLUSION

ASIA OCEANIA COMMITTEE VOLLEYBALL for DISABLED

There is much to be done in this region and it is really an uphill task for the AOCVD Board of Administration to realize the goals and aspiration of the WOVD. However, we strongly believe that it is never an impossible task and with cooperation, unity, commitment and perseverance, the AOCVD BoA will be able to bring this sport to every country in the zone.

In that we also hope to spread the goodwill spirit by strengthening the bonds of FRIENDSHIPS, providing EQUAL opportunity irrespective of political beliefs, cultural norms and social status, and most of all, to bring about EXCELLENCE into the sports.

Last but not least, the AOCVD BoA would like to record a note of appreciation and thanks to the WOVD management committee and Board Members for their support and assistance. Not forgetting all our nation members, especially Iran and China for sharing their facilities, logistics, knowledge and expertise with others. Thank you all of you from the very bottom of our heart and sincerely hope that all effort, support, cooperation and contribution shall continue in years to come.

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Deputy Secretary-General   President
AOCVD                     AOCVD
EUROPEAN COMMITTEE VOLLEYBALL FOR DISABLED

ECVD
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ECVD Activity program
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The European Committee Volleyball for the Disabled (ECVD) is the Regional / Zonal Committee of Europe in the World Organisation Volleyball for the Disabled (WOVD). It has been an official entity duly and fully elected by the successive ECVD General Assemblies of European Nations since 1993.

2- PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE ECVD

President T. Thorkildsen (Norway), since 2007

Secretary General / Treasurer Ms. Marie-Thérèse Scholtens (Netherlands), since 1993

Promotion Officer (Communication and Image) Mr. Laszlo Szigédi (Hungary), since 2001

Development Officer Suva Aho (Finland), since 2007

Technical Officer (Sport Department) Mr. Maciej Chodzko-Zajko (Great Britain), since 2009

Chairman ERC Mr. Anton Probst (Germany), till October 2010

(European Referee Commission) Mr. Steve Walton (Great Britain), since October 2010

3. ECVD MEETINGS
During all the official ECVD competitions (European Championships, Euro Cups and international tournaments) ECVD has always held its Board meetings. Since 2001 the ECVD also organized extra ECVD meetings outside of those regular competition meetings. During the period 2009 - 2011 the following meetings were held:
In 2009: in July in Roermond, after the Euro Cup Women 2009.
In 2010 : one in February in London and one in November in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
In 2011: in March in Leverkusen, Germany
Minutes of those meetings were prepared by ECVD Secretary General and
duly distributed to ECVD participants, but also to the Board of
Administration of WOVD and to the concerned WOVD Officials.
From the last meeting a protocol of the Board Meeting was sent to the
federations.

4. TECHNICAL OFFICER’S COMPETITION REPORT

The ECVD competition program has changed somewhat from that which
we had in the past. While we held the last Women’s EuroCup, we also held
the inaugural Continental Cup for Women. There had been confusion in
the past about EuroCup: the Men’s version was for Club teams only,
whereas the Women’s version was for National teams (there not being
enough Women’s club teams in the zone). Therefore, we abolished
EuroCup for Women and created the Continental Cup; this is an open
competition for National Teams, which may be held every year and there
are versions for Men and for Women.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find organisers for championships,
probably because of costs and particularly in the current financial climate.
Without major sponsorship, it is almost impossible to host an event of
European size in the western end of the zone and this is becoming
increasingly true in the east and centre.

In addition to the difficulties in finding organisers, it is becoming more
difficult to find teams wanting, or able, to enter – again, almost certainly
due to financial constraints. In the past, most events had waiting lists of
teams wanting to take part; these days, we wait to see whether there will
be enough teams to hold an event – in some cases there has not been and
the event was cancelled.

Neither the Sport Department, nor the ECVD Board as a whole can do
much to help this situation directly – we have no sources of money other
than from fees for ECVD events, so are unable to subsidise events or teams.

There will be a breakout session at the European Championships in
October to discuss ways in which we can ensure continued events, as well
as mass participation in those.

ECVD organised the Championships below in the period 2009-2010.
Euro Cup Women 2009
Three years after hosting a triple World Championship, Roermond in Limburg (Netherlands) was again host to Sitting Volleyball, 11th-17th July 2009. This time it was the last EuroCup for Women, hosted by SPGN (Stichting Promotie Gehandicaptensport Nederland). Alongside this, there was a Youth Tournament, the teams for which were made up of mixtures: some national-based teams, some made-up by ECVD from juniors from across the zone whose countries had no national squads. In addition to all this, SPGN helped to run an on-the job training scheme for a group of people wishing to help run tournaments in the future. ECVD is grateful to SPGN for its help in this, as well as both competitions.

Six Women’s teams competed in the EuroCup, with the final rankings as follows:
1. USA
2. Netherlands
3. Russia
4. Slovenia
5. Germany
6. Poland

In the Youth Tournament, there were four teams whose final standings were:
1. Germany
2. Netherlands
3. Netwerk
4. Limburg

European Championships Men and Women 2009
The city of Elbląg, Poland hosted the European Championships in Sitting Volleyball for Men and Women in 2009 from the 20th to 26th September. The local organiser was IKS Atak Elbląg. 12 Men’s teams and 8 Women’s teams were nominated, but due to a late withdrawal, only 11 Men’s teams participated.
The medalists in the Championship were

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**Euro Cup Men 2009**
Due to the absence of acceptable bids, there was unfortunately no EuroCup this year.

**Continental Cup Women 2010**
The inaugural Continental Cup Women was held in Evpatoriya, Ukraine from 8th to 16th May 2010, organised by NPC Ukraine at the National Center of Paralympic and Deaflympic training, Ukraine Federation of Sport for Persons with Locomotor Disabilities. This is a facility that can handle all the summer Paralympic sports in one venue at the same time and is well adapted for people with physical disabilities. All accommodation is on-site, so no transport is required. Due to the proximity in the calendar of this event and the WOVD World Cup, there were only 5 teams at this event.
The final team placings were as follows:
Ukraine
Russia
Germany
Lithuania
Poland
European Junior Championships 2010
The plan was to hold this competition in Evpatoriya, Ukraine after the successful Continental Cup there in May 2010. The event was cancelled, however, due to a lack of team entries.

XXI Euro Cup Men 2010
Once again, we returned to Nyiregyhaza, Hungary for a EuroCup, as there had been no other bids to host the event. 8 teams were nominated, but 2 late withdrawals (2 weeks before) meant that only 6 teams participated. It should be noted that the teams withdrawing were fined, as well as being charged their Team Fee, Registration Fee and Referee Fee in addition. This will be the norm from now – any team withdrawing after the Final Withdrawal Date will find that it costs them more than had they attended. There is ample time between the Closing Date for Entries and the Final Withdrawal Date for teams to realise that they must withdraw, for whatever reason and then to notify ECVD and the LOC.

The medalists in the Championship were
Gold medal OKI Fantomi, BIH
Silver medal Rodnik, RUS
Bronze medal OKI Banja Luka, BIH

2011 to July
XXII EuroCup Men 2011
EuroCup 2011 was organised by IKS “Atak” in Elbląg, Poland, 14-18 June. This is the same venue as used for the European Championships 2009. One team withdrew the day before the Arrival Day! and were duly fined.

The medalists in the Championship were
Gold medal SDI „SPID“ Sarajevo, BIH
Silver medal OKI Fantomi, BIH
Bronze medal TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, GER

Continental Cup Men 2011
The inaugural Continental Cup for Men was organised by Volleyball England in Kettering, UK from 11-16 July. This was an open event, with teams from all 4 WOVD Zones.

The medalists in the Championship were
Gold medal Bosnia & Herzegovina
Silver medal Egypt
Bronze medal Russia

2011 and 2012
For later in 2011 there are another 2 events organised: II Continental Cup Women (Evpatoriya, Ukraine – September) and the joint European Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands in October.
For 2012, we plan to hold a EuroCup if an organiser can be found. We are planning to have a joint Continental Cup for Men and Women. WOVD have refused us permission to make this an “Open” event, so there are likely to be fewer teams than otherwise.
While the Sport Department has tried to make progress in getting events agreed earlier, so that more time is available both to organisers (LOC, ECVD) and to teams, unless potential bidders make themselves known to ECVD early, then we will not know. Events available for bids are always listed on the home page of the ECVD website. The plan has always been to have a contract signed one year before the event; with forward planning this is eminently possible, though recently, we have been presented with 5- or 6-month lead periods, which is just not long enough for anyone involved to do things properly.
ECVD is of the opinion that it is in the interests of all nations to contribute to the future by bidding for international events. If costs are an issue, then perhaps doubling-up with a neighbour might be an option. Another option being investigated by potential organisers is an idea to host two events in consecutive years with one set of organisers and equipment – or even 2 events back-to-back one year, followed by a larger event in the second year. We are still looking forward to the day that we have to award our Championships to the local organisers two years before they take place. Better still, that we have to decide between bids!
5. ECVD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2009

In 2009 Training on the job–program was run in cooperation with SPGN the organizer of ECVD Euro Cup women and international youth tournament in Roermond, the Netherlands. Spirit in coaching seminar was organized during the ECVD men and women sitting volleyball European Championships in Elblag, Poland.

Training on the Job, Roermond, the Netherlands

Training on the Job was an open program for all people to apply. The advertisement was published on ECVD website and all applicants wishing to apply on the program were allowed to send an official application to ECVD and SPGN. The applicants were chosen in cooperation with SPGN and ECVD. SPGN as the organizer of the women Euro Cup invited six international candidates to Rotterdam. The candidates were part of the organization, followed the work of the local organizer and took part in various tasks during the Euro Cup tournament. The aim of the Training on the job program was to teach the candidates how the big sport events is organized and what are the key elements to organize one.

Spirit in coaching seminar 2009 Elblag, Poland

Various prevailing researches and interesting topics were presented by international lecturers in Spirit in coaching seminar. Workshops in classification gave information about the topics of Medical and Functional Classification in Volleyball for the Persons with a Disability and Health and training related issues in sitting volleyball. The participants of the seminar got valuable information about the match analysis and video editing using Data Volley and Data Video System, and also about the results of the match analysis in men's and women's top sitting volleyball. Interesting methods of Action Type mental training were introduced. 25 people from 10 different participating countries were present in the seminar and workshops. The guest speakers in the seminar were: Mr Pavels Mustafins (LAT), Mr Bartosz Molik (POL), Mr Mikko Häyrinen (FIN), Mrs Hetty Voeten (NED) and Mr Michiel de Ruyter (NED).
The seminar was the first of a kind in ECVD’s history and was seen as a good opening of sharing the knowledge and continuing diverse development of the sport in a new way.

2010

In 2010 ECVD development work was focused on the future projects. The main focus was expanding the development work and setting up a development team.

Starting ECVD development team was a main task in 2010. Members were chosen to this group mostly by their own initiative in sitting volleyball and their personal passion to work for disabled volleyball. Ivan Cosic (CRO), Zoe Kosmoglou (GRE) and Ferhat Esatbeyolu (TR) were invited to support ECVD development work and work for it as well as with promotion and research. Each of them has a background that gives a great basis to this work. Ivan Cosic has been a player of Croatian national sitting volleyball team, is now playing for Great Britain and has been very active in various ways in disabled volleyball in Croatia. Ivan took part in Training on the job - program 2009. Zoe Kosmoglou has been a coach of a club team in Greece and is still an assistant coach of the Greece men national sitting volleyball team. Ferhat Esatbeyolu took part in Training on the job – program 2009. He has a volleyball player and coach background. He is a student representative of International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity. All three persons own great and valuable network in the field of disabled sport.

2011

Year 2011 is a busy year with four official ECVD tournaments organized in sitting volleyball. During the tournaments ECVD will run courses, clinics and seminaries for referees, classifiers, coaches and all people interested in volleyball for people with a disability. ECVD Development Department will also take responsibility for some other development actions in 2011.

ECVD Development Department

In the European Year of Volunteering 2011 ECVD has founded a Development Department. This team consists of young, enthusiastic and dynamic members from different parts of Europe who are working for the promotion of volleyball for people with a disability. The mission of the ECVD Development Department is to raise awareness and enable countries and people to come into volleyball for people with a disability.
The mission will be achieved by networking and cooperating with countries, individuals, sports clubs, nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations that are willing to be active in all levels and forms of volleyball for people with a disability. The ECVD Development Department will exchange innovative ideas in sense of developing and offering sport opportunities for all. The team combines fieldwork with scientific research and reveals regularly results and benefits of volleyball for people with a disability. Members of the Development Department are Ivan Cosic (CRO), Zoe Kosmoglou (GRE), Ferhat Esatbeyolu (TR) and ECVD development officer Suvi Aho (FIN) as a chair.

**Beach volleyball for disabled**

Beach volleyball as a new official WOVD sport will be also present during ECVD official events. First step will be taken during ECVD Continental Cup women on 3rd – 11th September in Evpatoriya, Ukraine. Although the sport doesn’t yet have official rules there will be a small event organized to introduce beach volleyball to all participating teams and other people involved with Continental Cup in Ukraine.

**ECVD Brochure**

ECVD brochure was published in spring 2011. The brochure is a basic information leaflet of ECVD's work, presenting WOVD, the history of the sport, the whole spectrum of disabled volleyball and information of educational programs.

**ECVD Action Week 2011**

ECVD Action Week is four day event that consists of a clinic and a seminar. The clinic gives general information about praxis and theory of coaching, classifying, refereeing and being an official in volleyball for people with a disability. Many interesting topics of development and promotion of disability sports in European countries are presented in the seminar by international guest speakers. Participants have also a chance to take part in Dutch Paralympic Talent Day. The program of ECVD Action Week is open to all people interested in volleyball for people with a disability. The program is chargeable for those not participating in the European Championships 2011.
**Classification courses**

Classification courses are organized during every ECVD tournament. Participants willing to take part in classification courses shall send an application to ECVD head classifier Hetty Voeten (NED). Limited number of participants will be accepted on each course. WOVD classifiers are responsible for the course program. Each course is chargeable. Courses will start on the first day of the tournament and will last four days. All courses will be run in cooperation with WOVD.

**2012 and 2013**

In 2012 and 2013 ECVD Development Department will work a lot with promotion. The concrete actions will be taken in new countries in Europe that have already shown their interest in sitting volleyball. ECVD Development Department aims at offering tools and ideas for countries how to develop and promote volleyball for people with a disability. Also educational programs and courses for coaches, classifiers and referees will be organized in cooperation with WOVD during all ECVD official tournaments 2012 and 2013.
6. ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATION AND PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

Activity report of the Communication and promotion department from 2009-2010

Website:
The ECVD’s website had more than 35,000 visitors from 144 countries between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010. We had app. 48 visitors per day. The most of the visitors came from the European countries. All official information and documents are available regarding each ECVD International events on the www.ecvd.eu.

News page on the website:
The visitors could read app. 80-90 new report/article per year on the News page.

Calendar on the website:
We had all the ECVD International Championships and most of private International tournaments in the Calendar on the ECVD’s website in 2009 and 2010.

Facebook:
The ECVD’s Facebook page has been launched in Oklahoma, USA during the World Championship 2010 and WOVD General Assembly 2010.

Printed promotion materials:
We have produced and deliver some flyers to the teams and officials in Oklahoma during the World Championship and WOVD G.A. to promote the next ECVD events in 2010-2011.

Electronic promotion materials:
We had a film report and professional photos from the European Championship 2009. We have also received some professional photos from NPC Ukraine about the Continental Cup Women 2010. They are available on DVD and CD.
7. **ECVD FINANCES**

The ECVD has no debt. The financial saldo of its account shows a positive balance of € 13,686,58 on the 12th of August 2011. From this date ECVD will still receive from some countries the registration fees for participating into the European Championships 2011. ECVD has to pay still the travel costs of most of the ECVD nominated officials in the ECH 2011.

In August 2007 the ECVD opened a sub-account as a saving account with an amount of € 25,000. The financial saldo of this account on the 26th of June 2011 was € 30,128,86.

The financing of ECVD is provided by recurring Registration fees participating teams and the referee travel fee (since European Championships 2007).

The present cash position is being invested and spent into activities in the Sport Department, Development Department and Promotion Department and for the extra Board Meetings.
8. WOVD MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION IN EUROPE 2009 - 2010

Eurocup Women Sittingvolleyball International Youth Tournament 2009, Roermond 11-17 July 2009
Medical classification was performed by classifiers: Dora Szatmari (Hungary), Jurate Kesiene (Lithuania) and Hetty Voeten (Netherlands). Classification took place in the hosting hotel “Theater Hotel De Oranjerie, Roermond”. Classification took place on 11th of July from 10.00 am until 21.00 PM, 22 players were classified.
One player was given a letter with information that her status is changed from PPS to PRS (paralympic review status) and at the next official tournament she will be invited for re-classification.

European Championships, Elblag, 20-27 September 2009
Medical classification was performed by classifiers: Jun Ming Zhang (Great Britain), Pavels Mustafins (Latvia) and Hetty Voeten (Netherlands). Classification took place in Gromada Hotel, and Wspolnia Academy for the Great Britain players who arrived early.
Classification took place on the 19th of September from 22.00 until 23.00 in the Academy, and Sunday 20 of September from 11.00 till 23.30 in Gromada Hotel.
A group of 57 players were classified including 6 players who were reclassified.
Classifiers were continuing the on-court observations during the tournament in the Venue on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22th of September. There were two protests.
In one them the players status was changed from Able to MD.
In the other case the player remained MD after the protest, and the team made an appeal. The appeal committee changed the classification-status of the player back in TD. This was because the protest classification panel consisted of 2 classifiers, of whom one was not nominated for this event, so this classifier was not allowed to participate in this protest committee according to the appeal committee. Therefore, the committee agreed to overrule the classifiers’ previous decision and revert to the latest given players classification status for this event.
There was one other team trying to protest a result of a classification status from the opponent team, but they did not do this within the time limit.

Overall it was a classification-experience full of emotions and it caused a lot of bad feelings with players, coaches and other involved persons.

Some reasons for this situation might be:

- 57 players to be classified is a very big group. Maybe two classification panels would have been better. Potentially, with the additional panel, this appeal incident could be avoided in the future. The presence of a second panel of classifiers would optimize the classification procedure, especially in borderline cases.

There should be more opportunities to provide classification. It is felt that classification should not be isolated to a sanctioned tournament, but also on non-sanctioned international tournament in which the new players can be classified and borderline cases can be managed. This is so that during sanctioned events, classifier panel only deals with those who have pre-existing temporary classification status. Players who pretend to be classified as MD should send their medical files to the minimal-classification panel, six month prior to the event. This avoids the incidence of players attending sanctioned events and being made not eligible. It is the fully responsibility of the team.

During the tournament there was also a doping and classification seminar.

**Continental Cup in Sitting Volleyball Women 2010 Evpatoriya, Ukraine, 8 - 16 May 2010**

Medical classification was performed by classifier Jurate Kesiene (Lithuania).

Classification took place in the hosting for players hotel. Classification took place on 9th of May, 7 players were classified. There were players pretending for MD, who did not send their medical files to the minimal disability classification panel prior to event. Also there were players, who had not medical files with them or had them in their own language (not English), or on CD with no program to open the files. So it should be stressed once more, that it is full responsibility of the team to have and bring medical files in English for the classification.

Classifier was continuing the on-court observations (first appearance) during the tournament in the Sport Hall. There were no protests.
Eurocup sitting volleyball men in Nyiregyhaza 27-30 October 2010

Medical classification was performed by classifiers: Dora Szatmari (HUN) and Hetty Voeten (NL)

Classification took place in The Bujtosi Sports Hall

Classification took place on the 25th and 26th of October, a group of 7 players were classified.

The full classification results were issued to the LOC immediately afterwards.

Classifiers were continuing the on-court observations during the tournament in the Venue on Wednesday the 27th October.

There were no protests.
9. ERC- ACTIVITY REPORT 2007-2009


During the past two years the European Referee Commission (ERC) has carried out a lot of duties. The ERC was responsible for the referee nominations for the Euro Cup for women 2009 in Roermond (NED). This tournament was held together with the youth tournament with six teams from different countries. In the year 2010 we had the World Championships in Edmond (USA) as the biggest event, and in the ECVD zone we had the Euro Cup for men in Nyiregyhaza (HUN) and the first Continental Cup for women in Evpatoria (UKR).

During all these tournaments, the ERC was responsible for the referees, and for many nominations, including the first referee, the second referee and the reserve referee for each match. The ERC was also responsible for the observations of the referees. For this work, I as the chairman of the ERC, would like to say thank you to my ERC members, Sari Mannersuo (FIN), Janko Plesnik (SLO) and Viktor Feldshteyn (UKR) for their professional work. In my last report I had to give you the bad information, that Viktor is very sick. But in this report I can tell you very good news: Viktor was healthy enough to referee during the World Championships 2010 in Edmond (USA).

Of course I will not forget to say also thank you for the work from all the other referees (I will not give specific names) who helped in different ways in the last report time.

During the European Championships 2009 we had the first time ‘official’ observers in such a big ECVD tournament. Jan Otto Solvang and Peter Koncnik did a good job and gave the referees very helpful information and practical feedback after each match. Thanks to both of them!

With Maciej Chodzo-Zajko, Steve Walton and Viktor Feldshteyn, who are retired in 2009 and 2010, we lost three very good referees in our family. Maciej is now after the European Championships 2009 in Elblag the Technical Officer for ECVD.

With the new year 2010 Steve Walton takes over my position as the chairman from the ERC. I wish him and also his crew (I will be still a part of the ERC) all the best for the future and I’m also sure that our ECVD referees, will have a very good new ‘boss’.

At the end of my report I will say ‘Thank You’ to all who had helped me during my period as the chairman of the ERC.

First of all, I must thank the past members of the ERC, who served ECVD well. I thank Janko Plesnik (SLO) and Viktor Feldshteyn (UKR), who have stepped down from the ERC, for their work, and also Anton Probst (GER) and Sari Mannersuo (FIN), who have kindly agreed to continue to be members of the ERC. I am especially grateful to Anton for his leadership and hard work with the European referees; the ‘old’ ERC has given the new ERC a good basis to build on.

The members of the ERC are now: Steve Walton (GBR), chairman; Jan Otto Solvang (NOR), secretary; Senad Helac (BIH), Sari Mannersuo (FIN), Anton Probst (GER). Thank you to each of these colleagues who are willing to serve in this way. We will do most of our work using email and Skype, and we are aiming to meet together face-to-face at least every two years during the European championships.

I wrote early in 2011 on behalf of the ERC to all of our European referees to thank the ‘old’ ERC members, to introduce the new ERC members, to ask the referees to update their contact details, and to ask the referees which European competitions they were available to referee this year. This will make planning the referee nominations for the tournaments easier, and each year we shall plan the referee nominations provisionally for the whole year, since we know how many teams have provisionally entered each competition—it is a big help that we know about the teams who have entered the competitions much earlier than in the past.

Our two main objectives for 2011-12 are:
(1) To increase the number of European WOVD referees;
(2) To increase the quality of our European referees.

For (1), I am pleased to report that there was a WOVD international referee course in Sarajevo (BIH), 23-29 May 2011, organised by Senad Helac (BIH). During this course 21 referees from ECVD nations qualified as WOVD candidate international referees (BEL 1; BIH 4; FIN 2; GBR 2; GER 1; MLT 1; NED 1; SRB 3; SVK 1; SLO 5), and this means we now have a total of 41 active international or candidate international referees in ECVD.

We must not be complacent, however, since some of our most experienced European international referees are retiring in 2011 and 2012, and ECVD is holding three or four competitions each year as well as the WOVD competitions—so we need to train more candidate international referees.
We strongly encourage the national federations to identify their best referees who are recognised as National referees within their federation and are under 45 years old, to send to the next WOVD international referee course.

For (2) our key aim is to develop a group of good referee observers who can work with and ‘coach’ the referees in our competitions so that their level of refereeing increases, and they improve in consistency with each other and with themselves. This is important for both the candidate international referees and for the more experienced international referees.

I suggested the idea of an international referee observer course to Gaby Lotan, the chair of the WOVD Referee Commission, and he accepted this.

So at the same time as the WOVD international referee course in Sarajevo in May 2011, WOVD also held its first referee observer course. This was an opportunity to work together to have the same standards in observing, so that the observers act consistently on what they look for, what they comment on, how they advise and coach referees, and how they complete the WOVD referee evaluation form. All of the six students on the course were from ECVD, and this should mean that we have a good group of observers to work with our referees in future.

We welcome ideas and suggestions from the national federations about how to improve and develop our work in the ERC: please contact me by email.
10. ECVD ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The accomplishments of these Championships are depending on the member countries interested of organising those Championships. It has been more and more difficult to have candidates, and especially candidates for organising Euro Cup. The best is to have the organisers of each Championship at least two years ahead of the Championships. Candidates are welcome.
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**Results**

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## 2011 Financial Report

**World Organisation Volleyball for Disabled (WOVD)**

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### World Organisation of Volleyball for Disabled

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#### Graphical Representation

- **NO OF MEMBER**
- **FEES**

![Graph showing increase in membership and fees from 2007 to 2011]