

Downs Syndrome International Swimming Organisation

Sports Assembly Albufeira, Portugal
Sunday 30th November 2008



Minutes

1. President's Welcome

The President, Diane Dart, welcomed the delegates to this, the 3rd Sports Assembly of DSISO. She thanked the Portuguese organisers, ANDDI for their support in staging the event. She then handed the chair for the meeting to Geoff Smedley the Chief Executive Officer of DSISO.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received for the meeting

3. Those present

Diane Dart	DSISO President	diane.dart@DSISO.org
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Also in attendance

Dave Harman
Sue Barker

DSISO Technical Director
DSISO Records & Registration Officer

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

4.1. Accuracy of Content and Approval

Those Present: Michael McConnell from Ireland should read Michael McCormack

Item 7.2 (Page 3) as recorded was ...

“Concern was expressed by HB about whether the “new” rules would still allow for physical certificates. The Technical Director confirmed that this would be so.”

Since no-one could recall who HB were it was concluded that this was a typing error; but to avoid confusion it was agreed to modify the statement to read ...

“Concern was expressed about whether the “new” rules would still allow for physical certificates. The Technical Director confirmed that this would be so.”

Item 12.0: This paragraph no longer applied and was deleted

Item 14.0: The next Sports Assembly read ‘Porto 2008’; it should have read Portugal 2008.

4.1.1. Corrections to the minutes the SA of 2006 were taken as follows

These corrections were agreed and the minutes were accepted then as a true record of the SA of 2006.

4.2. There were no matters arising from the Minutes of 2006 that were not on the Agenda for 2008

5. Election of Officers

5.1. Coach Representative

5.1.1. Mr Siu Yu Ning, who asked to be called Johnny, gave the Assembly an explanation of his CV and his experience. His nomination Papers are attached as Appendix 1

5.1.2. This nomination was the only one received for this position and the appointment made un-opposed.



5.2. Members at Large

5.2.1. Mr U Hon Sing (John) was nominated for the position of Member at Large but was unable to be present. However, Mr Siu gave the Assembly a brief introduction to him. His nomination Papers are attached as Appendix 2

5.2.2. This nomination was the only one received for this position and the appointment made un-opposed.

6. Confirmation of Co-opted Members

6.1. Technical Director

6.2. Records and Registration Officer

Since previous decisions about the appointment of these two posts had been covered in previous Sports Assemblies in 2004 and 2006 this item was deemed un-necessary.¹

7. Technical Director's Report

7.1. Dave Harman, the Technical Director said that his report was largely contained within the items he had submitted under Item 10 of the Agenda and he had nothing further to report.

8. Records and Registration Officer's Report

¹ **Note:** The SA of 2004 in Durban had agreed the following ..

2. 2. Officers

2.1. A discussion followed into what posts the International Association may need in the future. It was agreed that we should aim to appoint:

- 2.1.1. President
- 2.1.2. General Secretary
- 2.1.3. Treasurer
- 2.1.4. Technical Officer – Registrations
- 2.1.5. Technical Officer – Rules

2.2. In addition it was decided that there should be officers elected that would ensure that each world region was represented.

2.3. The first elections would take place at the next Assembly to take place during the World Championships in Dublin, Ireland in 2006.

2.4. The first officers would serve for a period of four years.

Subsequently some refinement of the posts was made at the 2006 Swimming Assembly in Limerick in 2006 and the following was minuted.

5.0 Co-opted Members were confirmed as

5.1 David Harman Technical Director

5.2 Sue Barker Records and Membership Administrator

The current Rules now state

A 6.6 The members, Officers and Specialists shall serve for a period of approximately 4 years (2 complete World Championship cycles) following their election. Any vacancy may be filled by co-option of the committee at anytime after the vacancy has been declared. The person appointed shall serve the balance of the vacated term.



8.1. Sue Barker, the Records and Registration Officer informed the Assembly that DSISO now had 203 Registered swimmers and 23 countries were in Membership.

8.2. She informed the Assembly that in future all payments to her should be made by electronic bank transfer and she would be unable to accept cash at events.

9. Proposed Rules Changes

9.1. The Technical Director proposed the following rule changes that will support “changes in principle”:

Proposal 1 Records.

It is proposed that Records may be submitted from any event held under Fina, IPC, DSISO or a Fina-member national governing body rules.

All Records are to be submitted together with a certificate of pool length (if not already recognised by DSISO)

Records will only be accepted with a primary electronic time from a recognised sports timing manufacturer or by 3 hand held timers.

All Records must be attested by a nationally qualified Referee

Records are first to be submitted to NSOs.²

Canada asked if a pool had previously hosted world class events would this be sufficient evidence.

The TD replied that if the event took place within the last 16 years then we can be reasonable sure that the pool meets Fina requirements and that the pool length has been certified.

The proposal was then accepted unanimously

Proposal 2 Calendar

It is proposed that the Calendar is amended to show events that are principally promoted by or on behalf of DSISO, a DSISO Region or a DSISO-member NSO.

All such events are then to seek DSISO approval of the nominated Referee, and to accept the financial responsibility for inviting a Technical Delegate.

This was accepted unanimously

Proposal 3 800m/1500m Freestyle (BL3.9.3.10)

It is proposed that, in future World Championships, these events may be opened up to both male and female swimmers. Note that there still exists an opportunity for the host country or DSISO to restrict these events on the basis of time available.

The TD pointed out that availability of all events would depend upon the ability of the LOC to include these events in their programme.

Canada asked if events could be combined, i.e. male and female swimmers.

The TD replied that this was possible

The proposal was then accepted unanimously

² The various rules affected by the acceptance of this proposal will be redrawn by the Executive Committee. The updated rules will be presented on www.DSISO.org



Proposal 4 Relay Teams (BL 4.2)

It is proposed to amend this to ensure that Team declarations are made at the initial Technical Meeting, of 4 swimmers plus 2 reserves, and that substitution will not be permitted between rounds.

The CEO asked for clarification since the TD had said on the day of the Technical Meeting whilst the proposal stated at the Technical Meeting.

The TD replied that the timescale would be from midday the day before the Technical Meeting up to the Technical Meeting.

Italy asked if this is standard IPC practice

The TD replied – yes.

Canada asked if mixed relay teams could medal

The TD replied that this would depend upon the ability of the LOC to provide appropriate opportunities

The proposal was then accepted unanimously

Protest Form

It is proposed to amend the Protest Form

Following an explanation by the TD of the reasons for the amending of this form, and others, which referred to the inadequacies of the current form, this proposal was accepted unanimously

The CEO, Geoff Smedley requested an electronic copy of the new form for attachment to these minutes.³

10. IPC Update

10.1. The CEO, Geoff Smedley, presented an update of progress regarding the intention to seek the acceptance of a category for Down Syndrome Swimmers by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) He apologies for the fact that the line with the names of the people he had spoken to had been missed. The full document, with the missing names, can be found in Appendix 4.

10.2. It should be noted representatives from Norway and Venezuela stated that they had research material that would support the argument that people with Down Syndrome had irrefutable functional impairments and would provide the CEO with references to this. The CEO will make this available to the members via the DSISO Website, www.DSISO.org

The CEO undertook to pursue the potential of inclusion of a class for swimmers with Down Syndrome with INAS-FID.

³ See Appendix 3



11. 2010 World Championships

11.1. The CEO reported that the 2010 World Championships had been awarded to Taiwan. He then introduced Mr Frank Lynn from Taiwan who would be leading the preparations.

11.2. Frank introduced three members of his team to the Assembly: Tseng Mei-Ling, Hsiu-Ching Airy Hsiao and Chang Sun Tell. His team included some notable and influential people who were able to encourage financial support to the event.

11.2.1. He explained that the event would take place in Taipei, the country's capital city. The competition would be in a new pool. He said the weather in the proposed month for the competition (October) would be very good.

11.3. He reported that they had held an Invitation Games in 2007 to which 8 countries had attended.

11.4. He concluded by saying that he hoped all the countries at the Sports Assembly would come to Taiwan for the 5th DSISO World Championships.

12. Financial Report

12.1. The CEO invited the President to speak to the Financial Report since she had been undertaking the responsibility of treasurer (finance officer) since no-one else had been nominated for this position for the last two Sports Assemblies.

12.2. Although recognising that he could not technically make such a request the TD asked consent to enquire if the accounts had been approved by an external auditor. The president accepted the question and explained that they had not yet. He explained that this was due to the fact that the full period for which the accounts reported was not yet complete and some funds were still held by the Records and Registration Officer.

12.3. The CEO told the Assembly that what had been presented was a Financial Report, designed to give the Assembly information regarding the status of the DSISO finances. Therefore, he instructed that the Report would be presented for this purpose. He reassured the Assembly that the accounts would be subject to external auditing for the full period of the Financial Year that applied.

13. Any Other Business

13.1. The CEO presented the following Proposal for an additional Rule

Background from the current Rules:

A 4 LANGUAGE

The official language of DSISO shall be English. Any other language may be used in correspondence or debate providing that adequate translation is provided.

The Chief Executive will propose the following addition to Rule A4 Language to facilitate easy access to DSISO communications by all members of DSISO



Proposal for the Additional Rule:

A 4.1

All printed communications should be in a Sans Serif typeface with a text size of 12 point minimum.

The Technical Director stated that it would be impossible for him to comply should this rule be enforced since it was necessary for him to use a text size of 8 point to get all the information he required to present onto a single sheet. He proposed an amendment which would add ...

With the exception of information from the Technical Director

This amendment was passed without objection.

The full rule change proposal then read ...

A 4.1

All printed communications should be in a Sans Serif typeface with a text size of 12 point minimum. With the exception of information from the Technical Director.

This was agreed without objection by the assembly.

13.2. South Africa then proposed the following rule change...

From team of the Republic of South Africa

We have read the Rules about the Executive Committee

Background from the Current Rules

A6. DSISO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A6.1 *The DSISO Executive Committee shall comprise the following Officers:*

A6.1.1 *Appointed by the Swimming Sports Assembly:*

President

General Secretary / CEO

Treasurer

Three (3) Members at large

Coach's Representative

A6.1.2 *The following ex officio Specialists shall be appointed by the DSISO Executive Committee:*

Medical Officer

Technical Director

Records and Registration Officer

1. *We propose that, in the interests of democracy and equal opportunity, the posts of Medical Officer, Technical Director and Records and Registration Officer are appointed by the Swimming Sports Assembly in the same way as the other Executive Officers of DSISO.*



The proposer from South Africa was invited to present the proposal. She stated that South Africa felt that DSISO should be in line with other international organisations and encourage democracy and ensure that all of its officers were elected. They acknowledged that DSISO is growing as an organisation and the Assembly should recognise this. They wanted the Assembly to understand that they recognised the hard work of the current ex-officio officers and that their proposal was not a reflection upon the officers themselves, but was simply an attempt to make DSISO more democratic.

There was some discussion around this proposal including observations from both the Technical Director and the Records and Registration Officer, who recognised that they were not present as members of the Assembly or the Executive committee. However, in the interests of free speech the chairman allowed their comments.

The Technical Director stated that he was probably a very unpopular figure at the pool since he had to make some unpopular decisions. However, he warned the Assembly of the danger of having elections for his post. He pointed out the difficulty DSISO had in obtaining nominations for other posts and the last three positions filled had been unopposed. Should the post of Technical Director be advertised and only one nomination received then DSISO might find itself having to elect a Technical Director who was not capable of fulfilling the role.

After this discussion the proposal went to the vote.

The proposal was defeated - 8 votes for and 11 votes against.

This defeat of the first proposal made it un-necessary to vote on the second proposal ...

- a. *We propose that for the Swimming Sports Assembly of 2010 these posts be advertised and that nominations be invited for voting upon.*

13.3. A further proposal regarding competition approval was withdrawn by the CEO since the matter had been resolved under rule changes proposed earlier and agreed by the Assembly.⁴

13.4. A question was tabled by Great Britain.

The Executive Committee of DSISO GB has noticed on the DSISO website that a European Competition for Down Syndrome swimmers is being organised by Down Syndrome Swimming Europe and sanctioned by Down Syndrome International. (DSI is a well known organisation that organises many seminars etc. However, this event is not on their website)

Does the DSISO Executive know anything about Down Syndrome Swimming Europe?

Does it have any links with DSISO?

Is it a DSISO sanctioned competition?

⁴ The various rules affected by the acceptance of this proposal will be redrawn by the Executive Committee. The updated rules will be presented on www.DSISO.org



If it is sanctioned by DSISO why were DSISO GB not consulted?

According to the DSISO Rule book the following rules apply:

GN 7.5.2 For International Competition and World Championships a Local Organising Committee shall be nominated by the relevant NSO for approval by the DSISO Executive Committee.

GN 7.5.3 The Local Organising Committee, in conjunction with the appointed technical delegate, shall be responsible to the DSISO Executive Committee for the entire management of the contest, including the arrangement of the programme of events, all technical equipment and installation prior to and during competition and appointment of officials.

If this event is not sanctioned by DSISO we ask that the DSISO Executive Committee contact the organisers and suggest that they apply for DSISO sanction. In this way DSISO swimmers will be able to take part and have any records recognised.

The Technical Director asked the Chair if he may respond and he was recognised.

He explained that the organisers of this competition were known to him and the competition the organisers had planned. However, he said that there appeared to be some faults with the 'Google page' that had resulted in the word 'Swimming Organisation' being cut off from the full title of Down Syndrome International Swimming Organisation. He confirmed that the event was sanctioned by DSISO.

He stated that this sanction had been given at a meeting of the DSISO Executive and appropriately noted in the minutes. He further added that letters had been written to DSISO GB, the President and CEO of DSISO giving notification of this. (The CEO had been unable to attend this meeting and requested a copy of the minutes)

The GB representative stated that he could not recall such a letter and asked for a copy. The CEO undertook to obtain a copy with the relevant minute from the meeting of the Executive Committee and forward it to DSISO GB.

14. Next Meeting Dates

The CEO informed the Assembly that the next meeting would take place in October 2010 in Taiwan but until the programme was further developed he could not be any more precise.

He thanked everyone for attending a busy, but interesting, meeting and formally closed the Sports Assembly of 2008.



Appendix 1

Nomination papers for the Executive Position of Coach Representative from

Mr Siu Yu Ning (Johnny) Macao, China



APPENDIX B

DOWN SYNDROME INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING ORGANISATION (DSISO)

NOMINATION PAPER FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2008-2012

Please complete in block capitals either typed or hand written in black ink

POSITION NOMINATED FOR:Coach Representative.....

NAME:Siu Yu Ning.....

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..... **COUNTRY**Macau (China).....

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Telephone (With International Country Code)853-28266597.....

SUPPORTED BY (Name of Member Nation Representative¹)

Name ...Wu Peng Koi.....**Country**Macau (China).....

Signed: ... **Date**29/9/2008.....

SECONDED BY

Name:Siu Yu Hong **Country**Macau (China).....

Signed **Date**29/9/2008.....

STATEMENT

I have read the Rules of DSISO and the role of the Executive Committee. I understand my responsibilities and commitment. I accept that all expenses for attending Executive Meetings and the Sports Assembly are my responsibility.

Signed (Nominee): **Date**

A6.5.2. A NSO is deemed to be one that represents the eligible swimmers of that nation. At least one swimmer must be registered with DSISO and must have paid the registration fee at the time of the Sports Assembly



Authorization Letter

To Chief Executive of DSISO

Special Olympics Macau is here to authorize Mr. Siu Yu Ning to represent our organization to join the nomination of the coach representative of The DSISO Executive Committee.

Chairman of Special Olympics Macau

Wu Peng Koi

2008/9/16



Johnny Yu Ning Siu

Email: ynsiu@ipm.edu.mo

Mobile: (853)6688 9507

OBJECTIVE:

To apply for the post of Coach Representative on the executive Committee

EDUCATION:

- Master of Social Work
Hong Kong Baptist University, Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong
- Bachelor of Social Work,
Macao Polytechnical Institute, Rua de Luis Gonzaga Gomes

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **Coach of Swimming Club** November 1987-October 1989
Youngster Swimming Club, Macao
- **Voluntary PE teacher** September 1992-July 2002
Caritas Special School, Macao
- **Head Coach of Swimming team** July 1989-Present
Macau Special Olympics

Specialized projects involve:

- Develop the recreational sport program for Mental handicapped
- Preparing training plans which included multiple coaching and training methods such as physical practices and psycho-social counseling lessons to help the athletes to improve their performance in swimming

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTIS:

- Jan 91* Certificate of "Swimming Coach (Advanced) Training"
- Jun 91* Diploma of "Swimming Umpire Training"
- Oct 91* Certificate of "Escort Skills in Person with Physical Disability at Recreational Activities"
- Mar 92* Certificate of "Basic Knowledge of Sport Medicine"
- Ma y92* Diploma of "Traditional Chinese Sports Medicine"
- Aug 97* Certificate of "Sport Techniques for Person with Physical Disability"
- Aug 00* Certificate of "Assessment of Mental Disorders and Behavioral Therapy"

Reference Letter

To Chief Executive of DSISO

Special Olympics Macau is here to recommend Mr. Siu Yu Ning (Johnny) to represent our organization to join the nomination of the Coach Representative of The DSISO Executive Committee.

Mr. Siu is a person who is self-motivated, responsible, and willing to learn. He is also willing to accept challenges. He has been working with Child with Down Syndrome for many years. He is experienced and skillful of being a coach and has conducted a lot of professional experience on international events and Special Olympics events. Mr. Siu has been the Head Coach of Swimming team of Special Olympics Macau since 1989.

According to these qualifications, Special Olympics Macau suggests Mr. U is a suitable choice of being the Coach Representative of The DSISO Executive Committee.

Chairman of Special Olympics Macau

Wu Peng Koi



Wu Peng Koi

2008/9/16



Appendix 2

Nomination papers for the Executive Position of Member at Large from
Mr U Hon Sing (John) Macao, China



APPENDIX B

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NOMINATION PAPER FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2008-2012

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POSITION NOMINATED FOR:Members at Large.....

NAME:U Hon Sing (John).....

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..... **COUNTRY**Macau (China).....

E-Mail Address ...macau_sports@yahoo.com.hk.....

Telephone (With International Country Code)853-28266597.....

SUPPORTED BY (Name of Member Nation Representative¹)

NameWu Peng Koi.....**Country**Macau (China).....

Signed: **... Date**29/9/2008.....

SECONDED BY

Name:Siu Yu Hong..... **Country**Macau (China).....

Signed **..... Date**29/9/2008.....

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Authorization Letter

To Chief Executive of DSISO

Special Olympics Macau is here to authorize Mr. U Hon Sing to represent our organization to join the nomination of the member at large of The DSISO Executive Committee.

Chief Executive of Special Olympics Macau

Wu Peng Koi

2008/9/16



CURRICULUM VITAE



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Mobile Phone 6667-1024
Date of Birth 6 November 1977
Place of Birth Macau
Marital Status Married
Gender Male

A well-qualified, highly-organized, self-motivated, well-rounded and responsible person. Expertise in project management and events organization, venue management, team leadership, public control and communications.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Institutions</u>	<u>Field of Studies</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
2006 – Present	Beijing Sports University	Sports Management	Doctorate Candidate
2000 – 2003	Xi'an Institute of Sports and Physical Education	Sports Sociology	Master's Degree
1996 – 2000	University of Macau	Business Administration (Marketing)	Bachelor Degree
1995 – 1996	Centre for Pre-University Studies, University of Macau	Commercial Studies	Certificate
1986 – 1995	Instituto Salesiano	Industrial Studies	Certificate

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Associations / Institutions</u>	<u>Professional Title</u>	<u>Level Attained</u>
2004	Macau-China Rowing Federation	Judge Certificate	National Level
2003	International Canoe Federation	International Judge Certificate	International Level
2003	Asian Canoe Con-federation	International Judge Certificate	Asian Level
2001	Association of Athletics of Macau, China	Judge Certificate	National Level
2001	Macau China Dragon Boat Association	Judge Certificate	National Level
1999	Macau Canoe Association	Judge Certificate	National Level
1998	Macau Sports Institute and Macau Handball Association	Handball Coach Training Certificate	National Level
1998	Macau Canoe Association	Senior Coach Training Certificate	National Level
1998	Macau Special Olympics	Coach Training Certificate	National Level
1997	DSEJ and Associação de Surdos de Macau	Sign Language Course	Elementary Level
1996	Macau Canoe Association	Coach Training Certificate	National Level

SPECIAL SKILLS

Language Proficiency

<u>Languages</u>	<u>Written</u>	<u>Spoken</u>
Cantonese	–	Mother Tongue
English	Fluent	Average
Mandarin	Fluent	Average
Portuguese	Elementary	Elementary

Computer Skills

Microsoft Office, Visio, Photoshop, Chinese and English Word Processing, SPSS, ACDSes, Database, Internet

Reference Letter

To Chief Executive of DSISO

Special Olympics Macau is here to recommend Mr. U Hon Sang (John) to represent our organization to join the nomination of the member at large of The DSISO Executive Committee.

Mr. U is a well-qualified, highly-organized, self-motivated, well-rounded and responsible person. He is good at project management and event organization, venue management, team leadership, public control and communication. Mr. U conducts a lot of professional experience on international events and Special Olympics events. He joined the Special Olympics Macau as a volunteer since 1994, and now he is being the vice chairman and supervisory committee of Special Olympics Macau.

According to these qualifications, Special Olympics Macau suggest Mr. U is a suitable choice of being the member at large of The DSISO Executive Committee.

Chief Executive of Special Olympics Macau

Wu Peng Koi



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wu Peng Koi', is written over the logo.

2008/9/16



Appendix 3

The Amended Forms

NOTE: These forms are now printed here in Sans Serif 12 point text in compliance with the change to the Rules as agreed at the Sports Assembly 2008 i.e.

A 4.1

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DECK ACCESS REQUEST FOR ATHLETE SUPPORT

Please Print All Details

Day & Date:

Country:

Name of Swimmer:

Reason:

Name/s of Support Staff

Event No	Heat No	Lane No	Distance	Stroke
e.g. 6	3	4	100m	Backstroke

<p>Approved:</p> <p>Technical Delegate</p>
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MEDICAL WITHDRAWAL FORM

Date:

Identity Number:

Family Name:

Given Name:

Country:

Circle: Male/Female

EVENTS WITHDRAWN FROM:

Event Number	Heat Number	Distance	Stroke
<i>E.g. 5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>200 m</i>	<i>Freestyle</i>

Doctor/Physiotherapist Name:

Doctor/Physiotherapist Signature:

Date: Time:

Received By: Signature:

Full Name

Date/Time:



RELAY FORM

Country:

Event:

Swim Order	ID No	Family Name	Given Name	Stroke

TO BE SUBMITTED as directed by the Local Organising Committee in the Event Conditions or as stated at the Team Managers Briefing



PROTEST FORM

Details of Person submitting form

Name of Competitor:

Family Name:

Given Name: _____

Country:

Person submitting form:

Position of person: _____

Signature:

Details of Protest:

Continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. All sheets to be signed by the submitter

Date and Time received by Referee: _____

Protest Fee Paid: _____

Signature of Person presenting form: _____

Signature of Referee receiving the form: _____



Decision of the Referee: Accepted / Rejected

Reasons:

Date, Time: _____

Name of Referee

(Please print)

Signature:



APPEAL FORM

Details of Person submitting form

Name of Competitor:

Family Name:

Given Name: _____

Country:

Person submitting form:

Position of person: _____

Signature:

Details of Appeal:

Attach original Protest Form

Continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. All sheets to be signed by the submitter

Date and Time received: _____

Signature of Person presenting form: _____

Signature of Person receiving the form: _____



Decision of the Jury of Appeal: Accepted / Rejected

Reasons:

Date, Time: _____

Names of Jury

(Please print)

Signatures:



Appendix 4

Report from the CEO with an update regarding negotiations for the recognition of swimmers with Down Syndrome by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

Downs Syndrome International Swimming Organisation



**Sports Assembly November 30th 2008
Albufeira, Portugal**

Agenda Item 11 “IPC update from the Chief Executive”

Introduction

At the Sports Assembly of 2004 in Durban the CEO was asked to pursue the possibility of recognition for Down Syndrome swimmers by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

Since that time number of discussions have taken place with members of the IPC; by letter, by e-mail and in personal meetings; the last of these meetings being in Beijing at the time of the 2008 Paralympics.

Throughout DSISO have stressed the need for the IPC to recognise the fact that swimmers with Down Syndrome have both an intellectual disability and a functional disability.

There have been two responses to this argument consistently from the IPC.

1. The first is that Down Syndrome (DS) swimmers can compete as S14 with other intellectually disabled (ID) swimmers. It has been pointed out that due to the additional functional impairment (the term used by the IPC to describe a physical impairment) swimmers with DS are disadvantaged by swimming against swimmers with ID only.
2. The second argument is that swimmers with DS may compete against other functionally disabled swimmers in S10. However it would be necessary to prove that swimmers with DS do have a functional disability.

Thos of you who work consistently with DS swimmers know that they have functional disabilities. Therefore, I contacted many of you to let me have any evidence you have to support the claim that swimmers with DS have a functional disability. However, not a single piece of evidence was forthcoming.

As many of you know I am also an Executive Member of INAS-FID, the international organisation recognised by the IPC as the body that represents athletes with an Intellectual Disability.

Although currently working towards the re-inclusion of ID athletes into the Paralympics, INAS-FID is still a recognised member and, for swimming, Class 14 swimmers are still recognised by the IPC and other National swimming organisations.

With this in mind I have had informal discussions with the President of INAS-FID Dr Bob Price, the IPC President Sir Philip Craven, the IPC Vice President Miguel Sagarra, the Medical Director Paul Van De Vliet and Xavier Gonzales the CEO of the IPC. We have discussed the possibility of an additional classification within INAS-FID for athletes with DS.



If such a Classification was agreed it would mean that swimmers with DS would be recognised by the IPC thus giving these swimmers access to IPC recognised events and, in the longer term, potentially the Paralympics.

The way forward offers the following opportunities.

1. DSISO pursues an agreement with INAS-FID which will result in the integration of their swimmers with the 'new' DS class. This will offer two opportunities for DS swimmers:
 - a. To swim in INAS-FID events in the DS class,
 - b. To swim in DSISO events as now.

This option would involve the registration of swimmers to DSISO as now (with an individual cost) and also the registration of swimmers to INAS-FID (\$400 per country [but no cost at all if the country is already a member of INAS-FID] but no charge for the swimmers individually).

2. DSISO disbands completely and encourages all DS swimmers to register with INAS-FID.
 - a. Through an existing organisation in their country that is a member of INAS-FID.
 - b. By joining INAS-FID as a new member.

I suggest that everyone considers these options and we debate this at the 2010 Sports Assembly. In the meantime I would be very happy to discuss the implications of these options either now or informally whilst we are in Portugal or by e-mail when we all return home.

Geoff Smedley



Appendix 5

The Financial Reports are attached. Please note that at the end of the financial year (December 31st 2008) this report will be updated and the accounts will be audited by an external agency. Copies of these accounts will be sent to member organisations in due course.



Downs Syndrome International Swimming Organisation

**Sports Assembly Albufeira, Portugal Sunday 30th
November 2008**

Statement of Accounts

for the period

1st January 2007

to

31st December 2007



**Down Syndrome International Swimming Organisation
Income and Expenditure account
as on 31st December 2007**

	Sterling	Dollar	Euro
<u>Income</u>			
Membership	20.00		
Donations			
Transfers	<u>2,764.50</u>		
	2,784.50	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Meetings	1,877.92		
Promotions	171.58		369.32
Transfers	<u>1,203.30</u>	1,203.30	2,943.17
	2,049.50	1,203.30	3,312.49
Expenditure over Income	735.00	-1,203.30	-3,312.49

**Down Syndrome International Swimming Organisation
Balance Sheet
as on 31st December 2007**

	Sterling	Dollar	Euro
Current Assets			
Bank	141.96	5.70	189.50
Debtors	<u>735.00</u>		
	876.96	5.70	189.50
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	<u>0.00</u>	0.00	0.00
	<u>876.96</u>	<u>5.70</u>	<u>189.50</u>
Represented by			
Revenue Account	141.96	1,209.00	3,501.99
Income/Expenditure	<u>735.00</u>	-1,203.30	-3,312.49
	<u>876.96</u>	<u>5.70</u>	<u>189.50</u>



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	Sterling	Euro	Dollar
<u>Income</u>			
Membership	0.00	3,247.98	2,533.17
Donations	57.73	35.00	0.00
4th Championships	3,120.61	6,860.00	0.00
Transfers	<u>2,330.36</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	5,508.70	10,142.98	2,533.17
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Meetings	175.00	0.00	0.00
Promotions	105.74	0.00	0.00
4th Championships	1,674.62	0.00	0.00
Transfers	<u>35.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	1,990.36	3,000.00	0.00
Expenditure over Income	<u>3,518.34</u>	<u>7,142.98</u>	<u>2,533.17</u>

**Down Syndrome International Swimming Organisation
Balance Sheet
as on 30th November 2008**

	Sterling	Euro	Dollar
Current Assets			
Bank	1,109.63	2,538.87	472.48
Debtors	<u>3,787.55</u>	<u>6,860.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	4,897.18	2,538.87	7,332.48
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	<u>501.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>4,395.30</u>	<u>2,538.87</u>	<u>7,332.48</u>
Represented by			
Revenue Account	876.96	5.70	189.50
Income/Expenditure	<u>3,518.34</u>	<u>2,533.17</u>	<u>7,142.98</u>
	<u>4,395.30</u>	<u>2,538.87</u>	<u>7,332.48</u>