

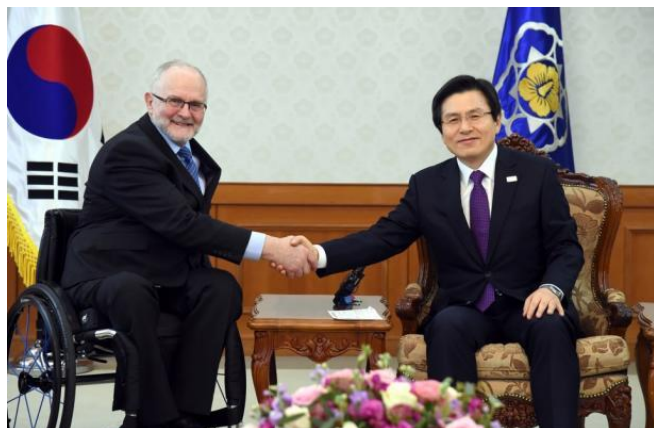
## IPC activities

### Nominations process opens for IPC Governing Board elections

The IPC on 7 March opened the nominations process for the IPC Governing Board elections for the term 2017-2021. The elections will take place at the 2017 IPC General Assembly on 8 September in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

- [More on the Governing Board elections](#)

### IPC President meets South Korea's acting President Hwang Kyo-ahn, Tokyo Governor and Japan's Prime Minister



IPC President Sir Philip Craven and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Xavier Gonzalez met with South

Korea's acting President Hwang Kyo-ahn to discuss preparations for PyeongChang 2018.

Sir Philip also met with Tokyo's Governor Koike and with Japan's Prime Minister Abe.

- [More on Sir Philip's meeting with South Korea's acting President](#)
- [More on Sir Philip's meeting with Tokyo governor](#)
- [More on Sir Philip's meeting with Japan's Prime Minister](#)

### PyeongChang 2018 Chef de Mission seminar held

Nearly 100 delegates from 33 countries were in PyeongChang, South Korea, for the Chef de Mission seminar ahead of the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.

- [More on the PyeongChang 2018 Chef de Mission seminar](#)

### Next generation to be shown 'I'm Possible'

The IPC plans to show the next generation of Para sport fans a pioneering new education project – I'm Possible, a toolkit of resources designed to engage

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young people between the ages of 6-12 years in the Paralympic Movement.

- [More on I'm Possible](#)

### Laura Misener confirmed as VISTA 2017 keynote speaker



Professor Laura Misener was confirmed as a keynote speaker at September's VISTA 2017 Conference in Toronto, Canada. Misener will share her knowledge about the impact of the Paralympic Games on opportunities for participation in sport, attitudes toward disability and overall governance of disability sport.

- [More on Misener as VISTA 2017 keynote speaker](#)

### Vadovicova receives Allianz Athlete of the Month for February

Slovakian shooter Veronika Vadovicova was voted as the Allianz Athlete of the Month for February.

- [More on Vadovicova](#)

### Rio 2016 smash all TV viewing records

The IPC announced that the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games were the most viewed in history attracting a record cumulative audience of more than 4.1 billion people.

- [More on Rio 2016 TV viewing records](#)

### IPC meets members of Russian State Duma

The IPC held a productive meeting with three members of the Russian State Duma in Bonn, Germany, regarding the suspension and future reinstatement of the Russian Paralympic Committee.

- [More on the IPC's meeting with Russia State Duma](#)

## National Paralympic Committees (NPCs)

### Malone new Paralympics Ireland CEO

Paralympics Ireland announced that Miriam Malone will take up the position of CEO after 11 years as the Business Partnerships Director and member of the management team of the Football Association of Ireland.

- [More on Miriam Malone](#)

### Australia to celebrate first Paralympic Winter gold

On 25 March the Australian Paralympic Committee will celebrate 25 years since Para alpine legend Michael Milton won Australia's first ever medal at a Paralympic or Olympic Winter Games.

- [More on the APC's celebration of Paralympic Winter Games success](#)

### New Canadian wheelchair basketball, rugby head coaches named; wheelchair basketball legends retire; Hall of Famers named

Matteo Feriani was named head coach of the Canadian Senior Men's National Wheelchair

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Basketball Team. Meanwhile Patrick Cote will take over as head coach of the Canadian wheelchair rugby national team.

Also in Canada, Paralympians and world champion wheelchair basketball players Katie Harnock, Jamey Jewells, Adam Lancia and Janet McLachlan announced their retirements.

The Canadian Paralympic Committee also announced five individuals who will be inducted into the Paralympic Hall of Fame for 2017.

- [More on Matteo Feriani](#)
- [More on Patrick Cote](#)
- [More on Canada's wheelchair basketball retirements](#)
- [More on Canada's Hall of Fame class of 2017](#)

### British wheelchair rugby team named for 2017 Euros

Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby announced its 15-player roster for the 2017 European Championships.

- [More on Great Britain's wheelchair rugby European roster](#)

### Czech Para athlete of the year named

Rio 2016 Paralympic champion Arnost Petracek was voted as the Czech Republic Para athlete of the year.

- [More on the Czech Republic's Para athlete awards](#)

### Paralympian wins Barcelona marathon



Kenya's Paralympic distance runner Jonah Kipkemoi Chesum was the surprise winner of the Barcelona marathon, crossing the line in 2:08:57.

- [More on Jonah Kipkemoi Chesum](#)

### Nations name PyeongChang 2018 Chef de Missions

The NPC of France announced Jean-Marie Frichet as their Chef de Mission for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.

Nick Dean will be Australia's head of delegation again. Paralympics New Zealand appointed Ashley Light as their Chef de Mission.

- [More on NPC France's Chef de Mission](#)
- [More on NPC Australia, New Zealand's Chef de Missions](#)

### Iran's President praises Paralympians at special ceremony

Iran's Paralympians who competed at Rio 2016 were honoured at a special ceremony held in the country's capital city of Tehran, and hosted by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani.

- [More on Iran's Paralympians praised](#)

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### Al-Hussein wins prestigious USSA award

Paralympic swimmer and Syrian refugee Ibrahim Al-Hussein was named the recipient of the 2016 Mildred “Babe” Didrikson Zaharias Courage Award from the United States Sports Academy for showing courage and dedication to his sport in the face of incredible odds.

- [More on Ibrahim Al-Hussein's award](#)

### Chapecoense goalkeeper visits Brazilian Paralympic Centre



The Brazilian Paralympic Centre had a special visitor, as the former Chapecoense goalkeeper and plane crash survivor Jakson Follmann spent the day in the newly built facility in Sao Paulo.

- [More on Chapecoense goalkeeper visiting the Brazilian Paralympic Centre](#)

### Curtis McGrath wins World Paddle award

Australian Rio 2016 Paralympic champion Curtis McGrath became the first Para athlete to win Sportsman of the Year at the World Paddle Awards.

- [More on McGrath's World Paddle Award](#)

### Slovenian athletes receive awards

Slovenian Paralympians Veselka Pevec and Dejan Febcic were awarded for their achievements from 2016.

- [More on Pevec, Febcic's awards](#)

### NPC Serbia receives highest medal

Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic presented the NPC of Serbia with the ‘Karadordeva zvezd’ for representing Serbia and its citizens.

- [More on NPC Serbia's recognition](#)

### ‘Be the Missing Piece’ collects another award

NPC Croatia’s sponsorship project won the European Sponsorship Agency (ESA) Best of Europe Bronze Award.

- [More on 'Be the Missing Piece' ESA award](#)

### Webborn elected Chair of British Paralympic Association

Dr. Nick Webborn was elected Chairperson of the British Paralympic Association (BPA).

- [More on Nick Webborn](#)

### Anne Dunham retires; Paralympic champion Baker’s horse passes

Great Britain’s Anne Dunham announced her retirement after five Paralympic Games.

Cabral, the 16-year-old horse who partnered Great Britain’s Natasha Baker to three gold medals at the Rio 2016 Para equestrian competition, died.

- [More on Anne Dunham](#)
- [More on Natasha Baker's horse Cabral](#)



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### International Federations (IFs)

#### Draw complete for IWRF 2017 Europeans

Defending champions Great Britain will lead Pool B of the International Wheelchair Rugby Federation (IWRF) European Championship Division A. Host nation Germany highlight Pool A.

- [More on the IWRF 2017 European draw](#)

#### Game schedule, livestream announced for Gangneung 2017; World Para Ice Hockey searches for Athlete Representative, Paralympic qualifier host

The final game schedule for the 2017 World Para Ice Hockey Championships A-Pool taking place in Gangneung, South Korea, between 11-20 April was announced alongside full live coverage.

Also in the sport, World Para Ice Hockey launched a call for hosts for the 2017 World Para Ice Hockey Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Tournament. It also opened the nomination process for an Athlete Representative.

- [More on Gangneung 2017 schedule, livestream](#)
- [More on Para ice hockey Paralympic qualifier host search](#)
- [More on Para ice hockey Athlete Representative search](#)

#### FISA Extraordinary Congress integrates Para rowing

Following the World Rowing Federation's (FISA) 2017 Extraordinary Congress in Tokyo, Japan, major foundations were laid for securing and building rowing's future at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- [More on updates to Para rowing after the FISA Extraordinary Congress](#)

#### Para alpine skiing World Cup titles decided



Slovakia's Henrieta Farkasova capped a hugely successful season with victory in slalom, the final event of the World Para Alpine Skiing World Cup Finals in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Her victory at the PyeongChang 2018 Test Event, together with guide Natalia Subrtova, not only meant she picked up the end of season slalom World Cup globe, but the overall title for the first time since 2011/2012.

- [Review of the Para alpine skiing World Cup finals, Test Event](#)

#### Mark Arendz voted Nordic skiing Athlete Representative

Canada's multiple world and Paralympic medallist Mark Arendz was elected as the Athlete Representative on World Para Nordic Skiing's Sport Technical Committee.

- [More on Mark Arendz](#)

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### Para Nordic skiing World Cup Finals, Test Event held

Germany's Martin Fleig and Ukraine's Iurii Utkin concluded the Para Nordic skiing World Cup season in fine style on 22 March, securing biathlon titles in Sapporo, Japan.

Prior to the World Cup in Sapporo, the PyeongChang 2018 Test Event was also held.

- [Review of World Cup in Sapporo](#)
- [Review of Para Nordic skiing Test Event](#)

### Norway win World Wheelchair Curling Championship title



Norway defeated two-time defending champions Russia 8-3 in the gold medal game of the World Wheelchair Curling Championship 2017 on 11 March at the Gangneung Curling Centre in Gangneung, South Korea.

- [Review of the World Wheelchair Curling Championship](#)

### IWBF announces Europeans schedule

The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) released both the men and women's schedules for the European Championships 2017, from 19 June – 1 July in Tenerife, Spain.

- [More on the IWBF European Championship schedules](#)

### Para Cycling Track Worlds come to a close

USA's Joseph Berenyi was the star on the last day of competition at the UCI Para cycling Track World Championships in Los Angeles, claiming double gold on home soil.

- [Complete reviews of the 2017 UCI Para Cycling Track World Championships](#)

### Lignano Masters Open concludes

Rio 2016 Paralympic champions Sandra Paovic and Kelly Van Zon triumphed at one of the first major international tournaments of the year, as the Lignano Master Open 2017 concluded in Italy.

- [Review of the Lignano Master Open](#)

### New dance sport classification, sport rules introduced

World Para Dance Sport published its new Technical Rules and Regulations and Classification Rules and Regulations and invited potential classifiers to apply for a new training programme.

- [More on World Para Dance Sport's new classification sport rules](#)

### Ukraine, Egypt do podium double at powerlifting World Cup; Dubai stages second phase of 'Raise the Bar' programme; Feedback wanted on powerlifting rules and regulations

Ukrainian and Egyptian athletes impressed at the World Para Powerlifting World Cup in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on making it onto two out of three podiums.

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World Para Powerlifting, in partnership with the Dubai Club for the Disabled, launched the second phase of its tailored anti-doping programme 'Raise the Bar, say NO! to doping' in Dubai.

World Para Powerlifting also launched a call for recommendations and proposed amendments to its Technical and Classification Rules and Regulations.

- [Review of the Para powerlifting World Cup in Dubai](#)
- [More on 'Raise the Bar'](#)
- [More on Para powerlifting feedback on rules and regulations](#)

### **Norman, Chaffey open Para triathlon season with wins**

Rio 2016 Paralympic champions Grace Norman and Allysa Seely got positive starts to their seasons after winning their respective races at the 2017 Sarasota CAMTRI Para Triathlon American Championships. Australia's Bill Chaffey overcame a bike crash to win the Oceania Triathlon Union Triathlon Oceania Championships title.

- [Review of the Sarasota Para Triathlon American Championships](#)
- [Review of the Triathlon Oceania Championships](#)

### **Cheongju to host 2018 shooting Worlds;**

#### **Alaryani wins shooting World Cup**

Cheongju, South Korea, will host the 2018 World Shooting Para Sport Championships between 1-12 May.

Paralympic silver medallist Abdulla Sultan Alaryani claimed his first win of the season, closing the World Shooting Para Sport World Cup with victory at home in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

- [More on the 2018 World Shooting Para Sport Championships](#)
- [Review of the World Cup in Al Ain](#)

### **Walsall to host European Judo Championships**

The 2017 International Blind Sports Federation European Judo Championships will take place at the University of Wolverhampton in the British city of Walsall, from 3-6 August.

- [More on the 2017 European Judo Championships](#)

### **Puch opens season with triple victories**

Three Rio 2016 Para equestrian medallists scored hat-tricks of wins at the first major international competition since the Paralympic Games in Doha, Qatar.

- [Review of the Para equestrian competition in Doha](#)

### **Vio wins World Cup golds**

Italy's Bebe Vio won double gold at the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation Wheelchair Fencing World Cup in Eger, Hungary.

- [Review of the World Cup in Eger](#)

### **Shelby, Nemati best Para archers of the year**

USA's Andre Shelby and Iran's Zahra Nemati were named men's and women's Para archers of 2016 by World Archery at a gala held in Las Vegas, USA, as part of the annual Vegas Shoot.

- [More on Shelby, Nemati's awards](#)

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### Watanabe wins Tokyo marathon



Sho Watanabe got the better of Paralympic champion Marcel Hug to give Japan a home win at the Tokyo Marathon.

- [Review of the Tokyo Marathon](#)

### Swimmers leave Copenhagen with multiple podiums

Athletes concluded the opening World Para Swimming World Series, leaving Copenhagen, Denmark, with multiple wins and podium finishes under their belts.

- [Review of the World Para Swimming World Series in Denmark](#)

## Organising Committees

### PyeongChang 2018

#### Paralympic Day celebrated in PyeongChang

The opening day of the World Wheelchair Curling Championship on 4 March was the perfect ending to PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Day, which was celebrated by thousands of people at the Gangneung Curling Centre.

- [More on Paralympic Day in PyeongChang](#)

### Tokyo 2020

#### Paralympic and Olympic flag tour aims to boost recovery efforts in Miyagi Prefecture

The Olympic and Paralympic Flags were welcomed to Ishinomaki in Miyagi Prefecture by crowds of students from the local Teizan Elementary School.

- [More on the Paralympic flag tour](#)

## Agitos Foundation

### Agitos Foundation to host International Federations

All summer Paralympic sport International Federations were brought together for the first time in Bonn, Germany, for workshops designed to encourage the exchange of ideas and strengthen their collaboration with the Agitos Foundation.

- [More on the Agitos Foundation's workshops](#)

### Athletes benefit from Proud Paralympian

Hundreds of athletes set to compete at the Sao Paulo 2017 Youth Parapan American Games benefitted from Proud Paralympian, the IPC's athlete educational programme.

- [More on Proud Paralympian in Sao Paulo 2017](#)

#### [Agitos Foundation website](#)

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The Agitos Foundation is the leading global organisation developing sport activities for people with an impairment as a tool for changing lives and contributing to an inclusive society for all.



Its vision is to lead the Paralympic Movement's aspiration of driving change towards an inclusive society.

## Women in Sports

### Dr. Cheri Blauwet awarded International Women's Day Recognition

The IPC paid tribute to the achievements and contributions of Dr. Cheri Blauwet, awarding the triple Paralympian and prolific medical professional its International Women's Day Recognition.

- [More on Cheri Blauwet's award](#)

## Other Activities

### Ottobock offers chance to try snow sport prosthesis

Worldwide Paralympic Partner Ottobock continued its support of current and aspiring and snow sport athletes, as it offered the chance to try its ProCarve prosthesis.

- [More on Ottobock's support for snow sports](#)

### Jose Luis Campo re-elected Americas Paralympic Committee President

Argentinian Jose Luis Campo was re-elected President of the Americas Paralympic Committee at the APC General Assembly held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

- [More on Jose Luis Campo](#)

## Ongoing and upcoming events

- Youth Parapan American Games (Sao Paulo, Brazil), 20-25 March
- Dubai 2017 World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Dubai, UAE), 20-23 March
- IPC Alpine Skiing Europa Cup Finals (Veysonnaz, Switzerland), 29-31 March
- Women's South American Championship (wheelchair basketball) (Lima, Peru), 1 April
- 2nd African Para Taekwondo Open (Kigali, Rwanda), 1 April
- ACSA SA Open (wheelchair tennis) (Johannesburg, South Africa), 10-14 April
- Gangneung 2017 World Para Ice Hockey Championships A-Pool, 11-20 April
- Tunis 2017 World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Tunis, Tunisia), 13-15 April
- PTT Oceania Regional Championships (Suva, Fiji), 13-16 April
- BISFed 2017 European Regional Open (Saint Cugat, Spain), 13-20 April
- BISFed 2017 Asian Regional Open (Dubai, UAE), 14-21 April

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