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IFF ParaFloorball Function status report December 2011

The cooperation between the different international ParaFloorball organisations has continues to increase and below the latest activities are described.

The IFF now cooperates with two international organisations that have floorball on their program, the International Committee of Electric Wheelchair Hockey (ICEWH) and Special Olympics (SO) and the Manual Wheelchair Floorball organisations.

International Committee of Electric Wheelchair Hockey

ICEWH is a sport section of the International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation, IWAS, and is the International head committee of Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EWH).

Status update:

- More ICEWH and EWH information and promotion have been added to the different IFF channels: IFF ParaFloorball web site, own ICEWH web site, flickr and facebook. Next step Youtube.
- EWH exhibition matches have been played in Men's WFC 2010 in Finland, MU19 WFC in Germany in May 2011, EFC Qualification in Slovenia in August 2011, Champions Cup in Czech Republic in October 2011 and the Women's WFC in Switzerland in December 2011.

Special Olympics

SO was founded in USA in 1968 and the SO Head office in Washington and the SO Europe central office is in Dublin. Special Olympics is recognised by the IOC and is the largest sports organisation for persons with Intellectual Disability

Status update:

- Continuous communication with the Special Olympics organisation, who are adding floorball to their programs, materials etc.
- Floorball was presented at the Special Olympics Sport Congress in October
- IFF and Special Olympics signing a Proclamation on December 9th 2011
- Floorball was elected to become a demonstration sport in SO World Winter Games in PyeongChang, Korea 2013.
- Increased and updated SO information added to the IFF channels: IFF ParaFloorball web site, own SO Floorball web site and facebook. Next step: Youtube and flickr.
- Demonstration matches in WFC Men's 2010 in Finland and Women's WFC 2011 in Switzerland.

SO World Games 2013

The 10th SO World Winter Games is a multi-sport event for athletes with intellectual disability and will take place from January 29th to February 5th 2013. In addition to floorball the SO athletes will compete in eight



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sports including Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Figure Skating, Floor Hockey, Snowboarding, Snow Shoeing and Speed Skating.

The Special Olympics Sports Committee (CTAC) selected 7 European Programs for the Floorball demo in 2013 World Games (WG) in Korea: Ireland, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, Russia, Austria and Sweden. The 8th country will be South Korea. In addition to this there are three countries on the waiting list.

So Floorball in Korea 2013 will be played with 3 players + goalies on the field and each team will consist of an 8 persons squad + 2 coaches each team.

International Wheelchair Floorball Federation

Manual wheelchair Floorball activities have continued but an international federation has not yet been founded. The aim is to prepare all necessary documents and invite all representatives for a joint meeting in 2012.

Manual wheelchair Floorball was played for the first time in the ParaGames 2011 played in Breda, the Netherlands, October 6th to 9th 2011. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) officially certified ParaGamesBreda (PGB). The Paragames is a multisport event for disabled players and 3000 sportsmen and women from close to 25 different sports and 40 countries participated in the event. Four Floorball teams representing Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands and Sweden played in the ParaGames 2011.

Status update:

- Communication ongoing with the representatives of Manual Wheelchair representatives and the organisation has been given the right to use the IWFF logo with similarities to the IFF logo.
- Manual Wheelchair Floorball is especially strong in Czech Republic and a demo match was played during the EFT in Brno and the 2nd Prague Wheel Open will be played in August 2012.
- Information and promotion added to the IFF channels: IFF ParaFloorball web site, own Manual Wheelchair Floorball web, Facebook and Youtube.