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Rio 2016 Paralympics will be record-breaking success



IPC President Sir Philip Craven believes the Games will not only attract more athletes and countries than ever before, but also more spectators and TV viewers.

- [More on how Rio 2016 will be record-breaking](#)

IPC President visits Brazil's state-of-the-art Paralympic facility

Sir Philip Craven visited Brazil's new Paralympic training centre in Sao Paulo on 10 September and was impressed with the construction of the state-

of-the-art facility, which is now over 97 per cent complete.

- [More on the Paralympic training centre](#)

Trevor Hirschfield named August's Allianz Athlete of the Month



Trevor Hirschfield's role in Team Canada's gold-medal win in wheelchair rugby at the Toronto 2015 Parapan American Games earned him the Allianz Athlete of the Month for August 2015.

- [More on Hirschfield](#)

IPC President rides debut journey of Rio 2016 culture train

Sir Philip Craven travelled from Rio de Janeiro's Central Station to the Maracana Stadium, and

back, on the Celebrate Literature train, which will help transport fans during the Games.

- [More on the Rio 2016 culture trains](#)

National Paralympic Committees

PNZ 'goes gold' to mark one year to go until Rio 2016; announces new partnership



Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) launched a new 'Spirit of Gold' initiative on 7 September aimed at raising funds and awareness to support para-athletes on their road to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

PNZ also announced a partnership with insurer Accident Compensation Corporation.

- [More on PNZ's 'Spirit of Gold'](#)
- [More on PNZ, ACC's partnership](#)

Australia appoints new CEO; Paralympians to serve as mentors

The Board of the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) confirmed on 21 August the appointment of Lynne Anderson as their new Chief Executive Officer.

The APC also formed an AUD 1 million partnership with the New South Wales (NSW) Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Dominic Perrottet that will see Paralympians mentoring young people seriously injured at work or on the road.

- [More on Lynne Anderson](#)
- [More on APC's new partnership](#)

Chef de Mission announces Canadian Tour
Chantal Petitclerc, Chef de Mission for the Canadian Paralympic team, announced a national tour to promote Paralympic sport across the country.

- [More on the Canadian Tour](#)

Thousands turn out for para-sports festival in Iran



The Iran Sports Federation for the Disabled (IRISFD) enjoyed a positive turnout at their Mehr Razavi Cultural and Sports Festival for people with impairments. Held from 11-16 August in Mashhad, the event included state and local entities, as well as non-governmental organisations.

- [More on the Mehr Razavi Cultural and Sports Festival](#)

Teams named to Para-Equestrian Dressage European Championships

The Netherlands, Belgium, Russia and Finland announced the riders who will represent their respective countries at the European Championships, which will be held 17-20 September in Deauville, France.

- [The Netherlands, Belgium's teams](#)
- [Russia, Finland's teams](#)

Spain's Sarai Gascon receives sports merit

World champion swimmer Sarai Gascon was among the Spanish athletes awarded the Royal Order of Sporting Merit in the gold medal category, the country's Higher Sports Council (CSD) announced.

- [More on Gascon's honour](#)

Slovenia launches media campaign



The NPC of Slovenia has launched a media campaign for their athletes ahead of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, which features sitting volleyball player Lena Gabrscek, boccia player Natalie Finkst, swimmer Darko Duric, para-triathlete Alen Kobilica and hand-cyclist Primoz Jeralic.

- [More on Slovenia's Rio 2016 media campaign](#)

Australia, Ireland release 'one year to go' videos

To celebrate the one-year-to-go milestone to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, NPCs released videos on 7 September to rally support and excitement for their Paralympic hopefuls.

- [Australia's one-year-to-go video](#)
- [Ireland's one-year-to-go video](#)

CPB announce Ayrton Senna as 'in memoriam ambassador'



Ayrton Senna, a three-time Formula 1 world champion, was introduced during a ceremony at Copacabana Beach, Rio de Janeiro, where the Brazilian Paralympic Committee also launched a photo exhibition to celebrate their Parapan Am success.

- [More on Ayrton Senna](#)

US Paralympics launches Rio 2016 app

US Paralympics released the official Team USA App presented by Smucker's, providing fans exclusive content in the lead up to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

- [More on Team USA's Rio 2016 app](#)

Swiss world champion passes on knowledge

Switzerland's multiple world champion Marcel Hug hosted the 'Swiss Silver Bullet Training Camp' in July in his home town of Nottwil, Switzerland.

- [More on Marcel Hug's training camp](#)

'Smash Down Barriers' to open doors in Oceania



The para-table tennis programme "Smash Down Barriers" was staged in the Pacific Islands of Fiji, Vanuatu and Kiribati between 10-13 August and accelerated the interest of para-sport in the region.

- [More on 'Smash Down Barriers'](#)

Swift International provide boats for US para-rowers at Worlds

Swift International Ltd., became the official supplier to USRowing for four para-rowing crews who competed at the 2015 World Rowing Championships, 29 August to 6 September in Aiguebelette, France.

- [More on US Rowing, Swift's partnership](#)

International Federations

World Archery Para Championships conclude in Donaueschingen



The Czech Republic's David Drahoninsky won his first individual World Championship title and was among the big winners at the World Archery Para Championships, which wrapped up on 30 August in Donaueschingen, Germany.

Additionally, Great Britain's Pippa Britton was re-elected as para-archery athlete representative.

- [Recap of the World Archery Para Championships](#)
- [More on Pippa Britton](#)

PATU, APC sign agreement to grow para-taekwondo

The Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) and the Americas Paralympic Committee (APC) signed a historic memorandum of understanding (MoU).

- [More on PATU, APC's agreement](#)

Germany, Great Britain take European wheelchair basketball titles



Germany's women's wheelchair basketball team reclaimed the gold from the Netherlands for a historic 10th title at the 2015 International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) European Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Worcester, Great Britain, on 6 September.

Host Great Britain were triumphant in the men's to become European champions for the third consecutive time, defeating Turkey.

- [Recap of the European Wheelchair Basketball Championships](#)

Para-Triathlon World Events wrap up in Edmonton, Detroit; Rotterdam to host 2016 World Championships

Canada's teenage sensation Stefan Daniel won the men's PT4 classification at the Edmonton International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Para-Triathlon Event (WPE), which concluded on 5 September and was the last WPE race before the Para-Triathlon World Championships on 18 September.

Team USA won gold in seven of 10 sport classes at the Detroit ITU WPE, which finished on 16 August.

Meanwhile, the ITU announced that Rotterdam, the Netherlands, will host the 2016 ITU Para-Triathlon World Championships to be held 23-24 July.

- [Recap of the Edmonton WPE](#)
- [Recap of the Detroit WPE](#)
- [More on the 2016 World Champs](#)

Australia's Horrie scores hat-trick at para-rowing World Championships



Australia's Erik Horrie continued his World Championships reign in the AS men's single sculls, winning his third straight title on 3 September, as the 2015 World Rowing Championships concluded for the para-rowing boat classes in Aiguebelette, France.

The event also saw record entries for para-rowing boats entered to compete.

- [Recap of the 2015 World Rowing Championships](#)
- [More on the record-breaking boat entries](#)

INAS announces events for 2016, 2017

Portugal will look to defend their World Championships title on home soil in 2017 after INAS - the International Federation for Sport for Athletes with an Intellectual Disability - confirmed

that the next World Futsal Championships have been awarded to the city of Viseu.

- [More on INAS' 2016, 2017 events](#)

Kierey scores second gold at Para-Canoe World Championships



Germany's Tom Kierey, Great Britain's Jeanette Chippington were among the big winners at the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Sprint and Para-Canoe World Championships, which concluded on 22 August in Milan, Italy.

- [Recap of the Para-Canoe Worlds](#)

IPC Swimming updates classification rules

IPC Swimming published an updated version of their classification rules and regulations, following an extensive review process instigated in 2013. The new version comes into effect from 1 September 2015.

- [More on IPC Swimming's updated classification rules](#)

IPC Shooting begins rules, regulations consultation

IPC Shooting launched a two-stage consultation process for its 2017-2020 Technical Rules and

Regulations, inviting views from the IPC Membership. The first round, which began on 31 July, is set to conclude on 20 October 2015.

- [More on IPC Shooting's rules, regulations](#)

Ryzhkova dances to golds at World Cup; WDS seeks Asian Champs host

The host of the first IPC Wheelchair Dance Sport (WDS) World Cup in St. Petersburg, Russia, claimed seven golds from the event held 5-6 September, including three for star performer Galina Ryzhkova.

IPC WDS launched a call for hosts for the first Asian Championships in the sport's history, as well as for the next European Championships, both scheduled to take place in 2016.

- [Recap of the WDS World Cup in St. Petersburg](#)
- [More on Asian, European Champs hosts](#)

Whiley, Kunieda win US Open titles



Jordanne Whiley made history at the US Open after becoming the first British woman to win a wheelchair tennis Grand Slam singles title on 13

September. Meanwhile, Japan's Shingo Kunieda notched his 20th Grand Slam victory.

- [Recap of the US Open](#)

Ping, Thrane win titles at BWF Para-Badminton World Championships



China's Wang Ping ended the reign of Switzerland's Karin Suter-Erath at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Para-Badminton World Championships 2015, which wrapped up on 13 September in Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain. Denmark's Julie Thrane also saw success in the women's singles SU 5.

- [Recap of the BWF Para-Badminton World Championships 2015](#)

Australia, Germany, Netherlands name teams to Doha 2015

Germany announced 34 athletes who will represent their country at the Doha 2015 IPC Athletics World Championships (21-31 October) in Doha, Qatar. The Netherlands will have 18 athlete compete for titles, while Australia announced a field of 50.

- [Australia's Doha 2015 team](#)
- [Netherlands' Doha 2015 team](#)
- [Germany's Doha 2015 team](#)

Cross-country ski, biathlon 2015-16 calendar confirmed

IPC Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing confirmed the 2015-16 season calendar, featuring six World Cups and the first Asian Cup as the sport expands in the region ahead of the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.

- [More on IPC Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing schedules](#)

Asia, North American Cups added to snowboard calendar

IPC Snowboard announced the 2015-16 season calendar will feature seven World Cups and the addition of Asian and North American (NORAM) Cups for the first time.

- [More on IPC Snowboard's calendar](#)

Han, Yang nab giant slalom golds



South Korean and the USA dominated the giant slalom podium to close out the IPC Alpine Skiing Southern Hemisphere Cup on 25 August in Queenstown, New Zealand. The Southern Hemisphere Cup saw South Korean Sang Min Han win the men's giant slalom sitting, while compatriot

Jae Rim Yang and her guide Un So Ri Ko won their second gold at the event.

- [Recap of the Southern Hemisphere Cup](#)

Turkey take football 5 European crown



Turkey emerged victorious at the 2015 Blind Football European Championships on 29 August, with a 1-0 win over Russia in Hereford, Great Britain. Outgoing champions Spain beat host England 1-0 on penalties for the bronze.

- [Recap of football 5 European Championships](#)

IBSA stage inaugural blind football European youth camp

Children and coaches from across six countries gathered in Hamburg, Germany, for the inaugural International Blinds Sports Federation (IBSA) Blind Football European Youth Camp from 2-3 August.

- [More on the blind football youth camp](#)

Russia win CP U19 Football World Championships



Soslan Gazdanov sealed the victory for Russia, scoring all three goals that helped his team defeat Brazil 3-2 and capture the inaugural Cerebral Palsy Under 19 Football World Championships on 15 August in Nottingham, Great Britain.

- [Recap of the CP U19 Football World Championships](#)

Ireland's Liam Moggan to speak at Para Athletics Coaching Conference

Vice President of Paralympics Ireland Liam Moggan will be one of four keynote speakers at the first-ever Para Athletics Coaching Conference (12-13 December) in Colorado Springs, USA.

- [More on Liam Moggan](#)

Tickets on sale for 2015 ITTF Para Table Tennis European Championship

With under 30 days until the start of the 2015 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Para Table Tennis European Championships, ticket sales have opened for the competition, which will be held 12-17 October in Vejle, Denmark.

- [Ticket information for the PTT European Championships](#)

IWAS changes World Games programme

The International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) announced that their games programme will have a new look starting next year, with the World Games being split into four categories. The move accommodates the recommendations of IWAS member nations.

- [More on the IWAS World Games programme](#)

Football 7 first sport to complete Rio 2016 qualification

After the conclusion of the Toronto 2015 Parapan American Games, the field for football 7-a-side is set for the Paralympic Games, as Argentina, Brazil, Great Britain, Netherlands, Ireland, Russia, Ukraine and the USA all stamped their tickets to Rio.

- [More on football 7 teams at Rio 2016](#)

Powerlifting referee Verdonck passes

The IPC passed its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Belgian IPC Powerlifting referee Jean-Claude Verdonck, who passed away on 31 August. Verdonck officiated as recently as April at the 2015 IPC Powerlifting Americas Open Championships in Mexico City.

- [More on Jean-Claude Verdonck](#)

Organising Committees

Rio 2016

Rio 2016 tickets now on sale

Tickets to the event are on sale to residents of Brazil. Overseas fans will be able to buy tickets from authorised ticket resellers (ATRs) in their countries, and Rio 2016 will publish the list of ATRs later in September.

- [More on Rio 2016 ticket sales](#)

Rio 2016 celebrates one year until Paralympic Games



IPC President Sir Philip Craven was joined by para-athletes, musicians, dancers and plenty of well-wishers at the one-year-to-go Paralympic Festival, a two-day sports and culture celebration held 6-7 September in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Other one-year-to-go festivities included a race to decide the fastest male and female para-athletes, which went to Ireland's Jason Smyth and Cuba's Omara Durand.

- [More on sports displayed during one-year-to-go festivities in Rio](#)
- [More on the fastest para-athletes](#)
- [Rio mayor Eduardo Paes participates in sports demonstration](#)
- [Samba, cinema wrap up Rio 2016 one-year-to-go celebrations](#)
- [IPC Vice President believes Rio 2016 will change perceptions on disability](#)

New images, video reveal construction progress of Rio 2016 venues

The Brazilian Ministry of Sport released new images and a video showing the progress being made at Barra Olympic Park and Deodoro Olympic Park, the two largest venue clusters for the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- [More on Rio 2016's venue updates](#)

Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony to mix energy, humour

The people behind the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony gave a sneak preview into the preparations and vision that will underpin the spectacular show. Flavio Machado, who is responsible for staging the huge new year's eve celebrations on Copacabana beach every year, said the concept behind the ceremony was captured in the phrase: "The heart knows no limits."

- [More on Rio 2016's Opening Ceremony](#)

Tokyo 2020

Tokyo 2020 celebrate five-year countdown

Athletes and citizens of Tokyo joined together in a mass demonstration event on 25 August, to

celebrate the five-year countdown until the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

- [More on Tokyo 2020's five-year-to-go celebration](#)

Japan Post Holdings becomes Official Partner

The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee appointed Japan Post Holdings Co., Ltd. (Japan Post Holdings) as a Tokyo 2020 Official Partner in the category of "Postal Services."

- [More on Japan Post Holdings](#)

Doha 2015

Doha 2015 launches 'My Incredible Story' film series

Tickets for the Doha 2015 IPC Athletics World Championships are on sale, which will take place at Qatar Sports Club from 21-31 October. To mark this milestone, the Doha 2015 Organising Committee launched a series of five films telling the incredible stories behind some of the athletes who will be competing.

- [More on Doha 2015's film series](#)

Agitos Foundation

Diverse interaction in #ProudParalympian at Toronto 2015

Held for the first time at a multi-sport event, Proud Paralympian – IPC's pilot education programme – saw a range of ideas shared, and athletes engaged on how to live out the Paralympic values at the Toronto 2015 Parapan American Games (7-15 August).

- [More about #ProudParalympian at Toronto 2015](#)

- ITTF Para-Table Tennis European Championships (Vejle, Denmark) - 12-17 October
- World Wheelchair Rugby Challenge (London, Great Britain) - 11-16 October

Upcoming events

- IPC Shooting World Cup (Sydney, Australia) - 15-19 September
- IWRF 2015 European Division A Championship (Pajulahti, Finland) - 13-20 September
- WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships (Samsun, Turkey) - 15-17 September
- 2015 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final (Chicago, USA) - 15-20 September
- Czech Open 2015 For class 1-11 players (Ostrava, Czech Republic) - 17-19 September
- FEI European Para-Equestrian Dressage Championships (Deauville, France) – 17-20 September
- IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Championships (Eger, Hungary) - 17-24 September
- World ParaVolley World Club Cup (Mashhad, I.R. Iran) - 18-25 September
- Ecuador 2015 INAS Global Games (Quito & Latacunga, Ecuador) - 20-27 September
- Men's European Championships (sitting volleyball) (Warendorf, Germany) – 30 September - 8 October
- Vista 2015 conference (Girona, Spain) - 7-10 October
- IWBF Asia Oceania - Wheelchair Basketball Championships (Chiba, Japan) - 7-18 October

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