



## IPC SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS 2009

IPC Swimming has been working hard to provide a variety of services to National Paralympic Committees (NPC) after the success of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. In 2009, the following goals were achieved:

- **Launching of the 2009 IPC Swimming Athletes Licence Programme**

The programme helps to keep a database of athletes who are actively involved in the IPC Swimming Movement. Currently, there are 1,493 athletes registered by 67 NPCs. Only registered athletes with a license can obtain results for IPC Swimming rankings/record lists. The Licensing Programme will be soon opened to obtain licenses for 2010.

- **Launching of the 2009 IPC Swimming Sports Data Management System (SDMS)**

The SDMS helps with updating the ranking lists, record list and in organizing major competitions. The athletes profile area raises the attraction of the competitions to the media. NPCs can validate their athletes, check their personal data, and see their classification status and class, as well as the evaluation sheet.

- **Training Opportunities for Classifiers and Technical Officials**

In 2009 there were more courses offered for technical officials and classifiers than ever before. IPC Swimming is trying to educate more and more people involved in the sport to either become real professionals or just to get additional information about the sport. The online course is enabling everybody to find out more about the Classification System.

- **Hosting of Successful 2009 IPC Swimming Summit from 1-3 June 2009 in Berlin, Germany**

The “Water is Open, Make your Splash, Create a Wave” was the motto of the Summit. It created a real opportunity for the participants to share their ideas, proposals, and to establish different Working Groups to follow-up on areas such as the Competition Programme for the London 2012 Paralympic Games), Competition Application Process, Functional Classification of Athletes with Visual Impairment, etc. The update on the work conducted with these issues can be found on the website.



- **Launching of New IPC Swimming Ranking and Records Online Search System**

With the data in the SDMS system, IPC Swimming is ensuring the integrity and legitimacy of the rankings and record lists published on the website. With the new search functions NPCs are able to download ranking lists in the period they wish to see, or to download the traditional rankings as the results sent by the Local Organizing Committees reach the office. Because of these functions, the rankings update has never been faster.

For the first time in IPC Swimming history NPCs are able to download ranking lists for all regions, as well as short and long courses. The same applies for the record lists: NPCs are able to download records lists for all regions and both courses.

- **Co-ordination and Overseeing of Major Competitions:**

- 2009 IPC Swimming European Championships in Reykjavik, Iceland in October,
- 2009 IPC Swimming World Championships 25m in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in November,
- 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships 50m in Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

Further Regional Championships will take place:

- Asian Region: 2010 December in Guangzhou, China
- Europe: 2011 July in Berlin, Germany
- Americas Region: 2011 Parapan American Games
- Australian Region: Arafura Games

These events are all milestones for the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

- **Appointment of the New Sport Technical Committee (STC)**

The new STC members are:

- STC Chairperson: Jane D. Blaine (CAN)
- STC Vice Chairperson: Glenn Robert Tasker (AUS)
- STC Head of Officials: Ross Bragg (NZL)
- STC Head of Technical Control: Robert Outtram (GBR)

IPC is working on to complete the positions available on the STC.



- **Creating a New Look of the Website**

IPC Swimming website has a new look since the beginning of September. As a result, the website is easier to navigate through.

- **Increased Communication to the IPC Swimming Community**

IPC Swimming is regularly updating its community on news and deadlines within the Paralympic Movement. If you would like to join to the community, please send an e-mail to [ipcswimming@paralympic.org](mailto:ipcswimming@paralympic.org)

- **Planning for 2010**

To ensure that NPCs can plan their activities in 2010:

1. all the major competitions are in the Calendar (<http://www.ipc-swimming.org/calendar.html>)
2. the licensing process is open so that the athletes can achieve their MQS and ranking results from January 2010
3. the possibilities for international classification are published ([http://www.ipc-swimming.org/Classification/International\\_Classification/](http://www.ipc-swimming.org/Classification/International_Classification/))
4. the training opportunities for trainee classifiers and technical officials are published ([http://www.ipc-swimming.org/Classification/International\\_Classification/](http://www.ipc-swimming.org/Classification/International_Classification/))
5. the programme, MQS and entry criteria for the 2010 World Championships are published ([http://www.ipc-swimming.org/news/2009\\_12\\_09\\_a.html](http://www.ipc-swimming.org/news/2009_12_09_a.html))

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