

All members of the International Paralympic
Committee

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Agitos Foundation Grant Support Programme 2013

Dear Friends,

You will recall that in the International Paralympic Committee's (IPC) Strategic Plan 2011-2014, the second strategic goal is "Athlete Development". You will also further recall that during the London 2012 Paralympic Games last September the IPC launched its foundation the "Agitos Foundation".

At the IPC Governing Board (IPC GB) meeting in Bonn at the end of January 2013, the Governing Board members unanimously decided that the vast majority of IPC development programmes and activities would be run through the Agitos Foundation. This was further confirmed by the Agitos Foundation Supervisory Board at its recent meeting in early June 2013 in São Paulo, Brazil.

Furthermore, the IPC GB approved a new IPC Development Policy and the 2013-2016 IPC Development Strategy in order to implement the goal "Athlete Development":
<http://www.paralympic.org/TheIPC/HWA/Handbook>.

The Policy and Strategy have been developed in close consultation between the IPC Development Committee, the IPC Athletes with High Support Needs Committee and the IPC Women in Sport Committee. Further input was also sought from the Regions Council, the IOSD Council, the Sports Council and Athletes Council.

The IPC Development Policy provides definitions and principles that shall apply to all development activities undertaken and directly supported by the IPC Development Committee and the Agitos Foundation. The Strategy sets the specific goals, programmes and timelines for the next four years, including defining priority regions (Central America and Caribbean, South America and Africa), prioritised sports for those regions and prioritising winter sports in general. The activities and investments of the Foundation will now be guided by this Policy and Strategy.



However, the IPC Governing Board and the Agitos Foundation Supervisory Board also agreed to establish the Agitos Foundation Grant Support Programme for 2013 using a significant part of the additional funding that has come to the IPC from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) under the new IPC/IOC Partnership Agreement. This Grant Support Programme is open to applications from all members of the International Paralympic Committee.

The call for applications is divided into two. One directed to National Paralympic Committees and Regional Organizations and the other directed to International Federations and International Organisations for Sport for the Disabled. This letter represents the launch of the 2013 call for project submissions. All documents will be made available in both French and Spanish in the course of this week as well.

The total fund under this programme for the year 2013 is 650,000 Euros (400,000 Euros for the NPCs/ROs and 250,000 Euros for the IFs/IOSDs). Similar programmes are planned for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

I think we are all aware that the greatest resource that the Paralympic Movement possesses is the incredible human energy contained within each of our athletes and volunteers. The key objective of the Grant Support Programme is to provide additional skills to these individuals who will ensure an active, positive and continuing development of new athletes as we move towards the Paralympic Games in Russia (2014), in Brazil (2016) and in Korea in (2018).

I encourage you all to consider making an application for 2013. If you feel that you are not quite ready for this year's round of applications then please remember that there will be similar support programmes launched by the Agitos Foundation in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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President
Agitos Foundation