

To IPC members via email.

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## **2017 IPC General Assembly – opening of bidding process**

Dear Paralympic Family,

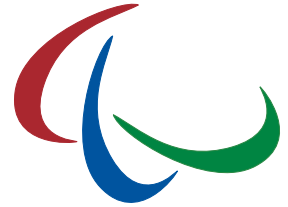
Today, we have opened the bidding process for the 2017 IPC General Assembly, related meetings and Paralympic Awards Gala.

The 2017 meeting will act as a significant landmark in history of the Paralympic Movement. It will see the election of a new IPC President for the first time in 16 years, together with the election of a Vice President and ten Governing Board members. The high profile Paralympic Awards will also recognise the achievements of athletes and the media from the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

Up to 550 people are expected to attend the 2017 General Assembly, bringing a sizeable short-term economic impact to the host city. Hosting the event can also highlight the city and country's support of the Paralympic Movement and showcase the accessibility of the host city.

Due to the election of a new IPC President in 2017, global interest in the event, especially amongst the media, is expected to be significant. As a result we have changed the bid application process slightly from previous editions. The bid documentation for the 2017 IPC General Assembly includes the following:

- Requirements for hosting the 2017 IPC General Assembly
- Bid application for the 2017 IPC General Assembly
- Expression of interest form
- IPC Accessibility Guide – Key measures tables
- IPC Accessibility Guide – Event accessibility checklist



Detailed information on the application process can be found in the “Bid application for the 2017 IPC General Assembly” document. The IPC will also accept applications from non-members as long the application is endorsed and supported by the respective NPC.

**Please note that the deadline to submit the “Expression of interest” form is midnight CET 1 November 2015.**

Should you have any further questions, please contact Stephanie Keller, IPC Hospitality, Protocol and Events Director at [Stephanie.Keller@paralympic.org](mailto:Stephanie.Keller@paralympic.org)

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xavier Gonzalez', is positioned below the text 'Kind regards'.

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