

To all  
NPCs practising Shooting

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AC/IPC

### **IPC Shooting – Resignation of Technical Committee Members**

Dear President/Secretary General;

We regret having to inform you that Mr. Walter Vlamincx, STC Chairperson, Mr. August Wyss, STC Vice-Chairperson and Mr. Wolfgang Hess, STC Head of Officiating have resigned from their positions on the IPC Shooting Technical Committee.

We will not comment in detail on the reasons given for these resignations. However, we recognize that significant differences between the STC and IPC Management staff have been growing since the IPC GB approved the IPC Sport Management Initiative in 2006. These differences had their origin in the opposition of the STC Chairperson to the direction taken by the IPC. Despite these differences, the IPC Management supported and obtained approval from the IPC Governing Board for the strategic direction designed by the STC. Following the IPC GB approval, the IPC initiated a consultation process on the proposed self-governance of IPC Shooting. After a failed Sports Forum in early October and an extension of the initial deadline, this consultation process concluded on 31 January 2010. Unfortunately, only 14 responses of a potential of 59 were received. Only eight of these responses unequivocally supported the proposal of the STC. The STC Chairperson was advised of these results and of the IPC's intention to refer any further discussion on this topic to the IPC Shooting Sport Forum to be held on 22 July in Croatia during the World Championships. Despite the resignations, the IPC remains committed to bringing this process to conclusion.

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Whilst we recognize that these resignations have created a difficult situation for IPC Shooting, we assure you that we will continue to make every effort to ensure the continuity of all activities. In particular, we will ensure the delivery of the newly launched World Cup competition programme and the 2010 IPC Shooting World Championships.

In the near future, we will be initiating the process to fill the now vacant positions.

We would like to remind you that all official information related to IPC Shooting will be published at [www.ipc-shooting.org](http://www.ipc-shooting.org). For any further communication or questions please contact Ms. Athena Charitaki at [ipcshooting@paralympic.org](mailto:ipcshooting@paralympic.org).

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