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International Paralympic Committee

IPC Executive Committee 1997 – 2001 Biography Sheet

Prof. Dr. Robert D. Steadward, O.C., LL.D (Hons.)
President, International Paralympic Committee

Nationality: Canadian

Education

- B.P.E. (Distinction), University of Alberta, Canada
- M.Sc., University of Alberta, Canada
- Ph.D., University of Oregon, Eugene, USA

Professional Career

- World leader in disability sport, author, teacher, sport scientist
- Current Academic Positions:
 - Professor, University of Alberta Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, Edmonton, Canada
 - Founder and Director, The Steadward Center for Personal & Physical Achievement (formerly known as the Rick Hansen Center), Edmonton, Canada
- Previous Academic Positions:
 - Chairman, University of Alberta Department of Athletics (1985-1989)
 - Associate Dean, University of Alberta Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation (1983-1985)

Major Contributions to Sport for Athletes with Disabilities

- Current
 - Elected President 1989, International Paralympic Committee (IPC); Re-elected 1993 and 1997
 - Past-President and Honorary Life Member, Canadian Paralympic Committee
 - Chairman, Alberta Paraplegic Foundation, Rehabilitation, Wheelchair Sports and Awareness Grants Committee, Edmonton, Canada
 - Member, Alberta Paraplegic Foundation, Board of Directors, Edmonton, Canada

Other Appointments Held

- Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- Current Business Positions:
 - Chairman of the Board and Director of Sport Counseling, Edmonton Sport Institute Inc. (ESI, a sport medicine clinic), Edmonton, Canada
 - Vice-President, Sport Institute Physiotherapy Inc., Edmonton, Canada
 - Chairman of the Board, MacEwan Medical Clinic, Edmonton, Canada
 - President, TBL Sport Services Ltd., Edmonton, Canada
- Sport Administration Positions:
 - Canadian Paralympic Committee: National Coach (1966-1976), Chef de Mission (1971-1980), National Governor (1970-1986), Treasurer (1974-1976), President (1986-1991)
 - Alberta Wheelchair Sports Association, Founder and President (1971-1975)
 - Founder, President and Chairman, Canadian Sports Fund for the Physically Disabled (1979-1989)



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- Chairman of Accreditation, 1978 Commonwealth Games, Edmonton, Canada
- Fitness Consultant, 1979 NHL Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club, Edmonton, Canada
- Fitness Consultant, 1980 Canadian Olympic Hockey Team
- Vice-President, 1983 World University Games, Edmonton, Canada
- President, Alberta Universities Athletic Association, Canada (1985-1989)
- Founder and Chairman, University of Alberta Sports Wall of Fame, Canada (1984-2000)
- Founder and President, University of Alberta Green and Gold Athletic Society, Canada (1983-1991)
- Board and Executive Committee Member, Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (1985-1989)
- Co-Chairman, Edmonton Bid Committee, 8th World Championships in Athletics, Edmonton 2001 (affiliated with the International Amateur Athletics Federation)
- Member, International Olympic Committee 2000 Commission
- Non-Disabled Sports Coaching Involvement
 - University coach, Athletics (1969-1979)
 - High school coach, Football and Athletics (1969-1976)
 - Community coach, Baseball (two-time national finalists) (1966-1968)

Awards and Achievements

Dr. Steadward has received numerous awards in his career, the most noteworthy of which are:

- Officer of the Order of Canada, the nation's highest civilian honor, in recognition of national achievement and merit of a high degree, especially in service to Canada and humanity at large (1999, National)
- University of Alberta Distinguished Alumni Award, recognizing the important contributions that University of Alberta alumni have made to their professions and to society (1999, Academic and Service)
- University of Oregon, Eugene, Distinguished Service Award, a recipient who by his knowledge and skills has made a significant contribution to the cultural development of Oregon or society as a whole (Spring 2000, Academic, International)
- Doctor Honoris Causa (Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree) from the Katholieke Universiteit (Catholic University) of Leuven, Belgium, in recognition of lifelong scientific and social contributions in the area of adapted physical activity and sport for persons with a disability (February 2001)

Hobbies

- Running, cycling, golf, all types of skiing, racquet sports, fly fishing, hunting and ranching