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## HIGHLIGHT

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**Preparatory Workshop on IPC Observers' Programme:** A preparatory workshop on the IPC Observers' Programme for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games was concluded successfully in Beijing, China on 26 June. Representatives from the Organizing Committees of all future Paralympic Games (Vancouver 2010, London 2012 and Sochi 2014), all Candidate Cities for the Paralympic Games of 2016 (Chicago, Madrid, Rio and Tokyo) and Guangzhou Asian Para-Games 2010 took part in the workshop. ([read more...](#))

## PARALYMPIC GAMES

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**Beijing 2008:** People with a visual impairment in Beijing now have tactile access to two competition venues for the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games. ([read more...](#))

**Vancouver 2010:** The Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) and Canada Post announced on 3 July that Canada Post has been named an Official Supplier for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. From iconic sports imagery to the beloved Vancouver 2010 mascots - Sumi, Miga, and Quatchi - 2010 Winter Games-themed stamps will grace Canada's mail starting in December 2008. ([read more...](#))

**London 2012:** The London 2012 Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) has formally invited schools, colleges and other learning institutions across the Northwest of England, together with those across the United Kingdom, to lead the United Kingdom celebrations around the Paralympic Handover on 17 September 2008, the Closing Ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. ([read more...](#))

## FROM THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

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**Highlights of the ATHENS 2004 Paralympic Games on PSTV:** On 21 June, highlights of the ATHENS 2004 Paralympic Games started to be available on ParalympicSport.TV. ([read more...](#))



## FROM THE NPCs

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**Great Britain:** Sir Paul McCartney calls on the British public to support the British Paralympic Association. ([read more...](#))

## FROM THE SPORTS

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**Football 5-a-side Coaching and Refereeing Seminars in Berlin:** A total of 35 participants from four countries (Germany, the Netherlands, Austria and Scotland) will meet this weekend in Berlin, Germany, for a Football 5-a-side seminar held as part of the UEFA-funded International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) Futsal Development Project Europe. ([read more...](#))

**Tokyo to Host Second Asian Youth Para Games:** The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) recently announced that the return of the Asian Youth Para Games would take place next year from 8 to 15 September 2009 in Tokyo, Japan. ([read more...](#))

**National Goalball Championships in Iran:** From 12 to 16 July, the National Championships in Goalball will be held in Tehran, Iran. A total of 86 Male and 42 Female teams from different parts of Iran will participate in the Championships which will be held in ten different sport venues in the city. ([read more...](#))

## MISCELLANEOUS

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**China Ratified UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:** Recently, the 11th National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China has ratified a bill submitted by the Central Government for China's accession to the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). China has actively advocated and supported to the UN in its efforts in formulating the CRPD Convention. ([read more...](#))

**Women Leadership Summit Starts in Venezuela:** On 16 June, the Regional Summit on Women Leadership in Paralympic Sport was officially opened in Caracas, Venezuela, as part of a series of meetings. ([read more...](#))

**IPC Statement Regarding Beijing 2008 Paralympic Torch Relay Modifications:** On 25 June, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) was informed by the Beijing 2008 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (BOCOG) of planned modifications to the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Torch Relay. ([read more...](#))



**Paralympic Ticketing Starts:** More than 820,000 tickets for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games went on sale 20 June. ([read more...](#))

## OUTLOOK

2008 IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championships, Multihull	4-12 July	Cascais, POR
Road Circuit Championships, Cycling	13 July	Darley Moore, GBR
IWAS Junior World Games 2008	18-26 July	New Brunswick, USA

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