



IPC GOVERNING BOARD BIOGRAPHY

- **Name:** John Petersson PLY
- **IPC position:** Vice President
- **Elected:** 2013 and 2021 as Member at Large; 2025 as Vice President
- **Position (outside of IPC GB):** President NPC Denmark and Businessman
- **Nationality:** Denmark
- **Languages spoken:** Danish, English
- **Paralympic Games competed in:** New York/Stoke Mandeville 1984, Seoul 1988, Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000
- **Paralympic medals won:** 6 gold, 2 silver, 7 bronze
- **Social media channels:** [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#)



John Petersson is a Danish State Authorised Public Accountant, senior business executive, and internationally experienced sports leader with extensive expertise in governance, finance, and organisational leadership at national and global level. He holds a Master of Science degree in Business Economics and Auditing (Cand.merc.aud.) from Copenhagen Business School and has been a State Authorised Public Accountant since 2003.

John's professional background spans more than 30 years within audit, advisory, and executive management. He has held senior leadership positions at KPMG and Ernst & Young in Copenhagen, including Executive Director, before founding JP Management Holding ApS in 2014. He is currently Co-Owner and Partner at Harboe Consult ApS and serves on supervisory boards across both commercial and non-profit organisations, contributing strong financial oversight, risk management expertise, and strategic insight.

In parallel with his business career, John has made a lifelong contribution to the Paralympic Movement. As a former elite Paralympic swimmer, he enjoyed an outstanding Para swimming career, competing in five Paralympic Games between 1984 and 2000. During this period, he won multiple medals and set several world

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records, establishing himself as one of Denmark's most successful Paralympic athletes.

Following his competitive swimming career, John transitioned into governance and leadership roles at the highest levels of parasport. He has served for many years on the Executive Committee of Parasport Denmark / NPC Denmark and has been President of the National Paralympic Committee of Denmark since 2018, having previously held the position of Vice President.

Internationally, John has held numerous senior roles within the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), including IPC Governing Board Member for two terms, Chairperson of key committees, and member of audit, finance, and governance bodies. Since September 2025, he serves as Vice-President of the IPC. In late 2025, he was appointed to represent the IPC on the French Alps 2030 IOC Coordination Commission, reflecting his recognised experience in major event governance and cross-organisational collaboration.

John is widely recognised for his ability to bridge sport and business, combining high-level governance experience with financial expertise, strategic leadership, and a strong commitment to integrity, inclusion, and sustainable organisational development.

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