

To: NPCs and IOSDs Widely and Regularly Practicing Swimming

Bonn, 06 February 2013

2013 IPC Swimming Consultation Meeting — Manchester, Great Britain

Dear NPC President / Secretary General,

Following the 2009 IPC Swimming Summit in Berlin, and 2010 Sport Forum held in Eindhoven, and various meetings with NPC representatives at major competitions, IPC Swimming will be hosting a Consultation Meeting with the NPCs and IOSDs Widely and Regularly Practicing Swimming on 29-30 April 2013, in Manchester, Great Britain.

The intention of this meeting is to obtain feedback from the respective members on relevant sport matters in a format of an open discussion and exchange ideas during an informal meeting. We are looking forward to meet with the NPCs to further develop the sport.

The main topics for discussion will be the draft IPC Swimming Strategic Plan, the classification research, importance of perception of the sport, as well as on event selection criteria and qualification process for the 2015 World Championships and Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

The draft Strategic Plan will be circulated to all NPCs before the conference, and those not being able to attend the meeting in Manchester can still provide their feedback to IPC Swimming in a written format.

Should you be interested to join us for the meeting, please complete the Confirmation of Attendance Form by 30 March and send it back to ipcswimming@paralympic.org. Further logistical information on location, accommodation, etc. can be found attached to this letter.

Please note that this is a Consultation Meeting for the purpose of discussion with you and to seek your input. A formal Sport Forum will be held in conjunction with the World Championships.



Should you have any questions related to the meeting, please feel free to contact us at ipcswimming@paralympic.org.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in working to build Paralympic Swimming, as always, we value your input very much. We look forward to welcoming you in Manchester, and to good discussions about Para-Swimming.

Kind regards,

Jane D. Blaine

IPC Swimming STC Chairperson



Meeting date and time: 29 April 2013 9:00 – 18:00

30 April 2013 9:00 – 17:00

Location:

The conference will take place at the City Hall of Manchester, in Conference Hall.

City Hall Address:

1 City Hall Plaza

Manchester, NH 03101

Transport:

The closest airport is Manchester Airport (or you can take the train from London). NPC representatives are responsible to cover their own transport costs to/from the hotel. All hotels are within a walking distance to the meeting venue.

Meeting fee

All participants are required to pay a fee of 70 EUR to IPC Swimming to cover the expenses of the catering services offered during the meeting (lunch and dinner on 29 April, and lunch only on 30 April).

Accommodation:

The meeting venue is on walking distance from all the hotels offered in the on-line booking platform to be opened soon.

All attendees must book accommodation directly through the dedicated on-line booking platform **before 15 April 2013**. IPC Swimming is not taking any guarantee for the prices after this date. There are only limited numbers of rooms reserved in each hotel, and these will be on offer on a first come first serve base.

Please Note: The hotels have a limited number of fully accessible rooms. Please indicate this when making the reservation.



All room prices include breakfast. For any further services (e.g. internet) please look at the hotel website directly. <u>Bookings will be possible on first come first serve basis</u> as soon as the booking platform is open.

The prices of rooms will be as follow:

Hotel	Star	Distance from Venue	Single Rate B&B	No. of accessi ble rooms
Arora International Hotel	4	Approx. 5 min walking	£99.75	-
Novotel	4	Approx. 5 min walking	£99.00*	8
The Midland	4	Approx. 3 min walking	£135.00	5
Ibis Charles Street	2	Approx. 15 min walking	£53.00*	7
Holiday Inn Express Manchester Oxford Road	Budget	Approx. 10 min walking	£80.00*	4
Ibis Portland Street	Budget	Approx. 5 min walking	£59.00	4

^{*=}offering twin rooms as well



CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

To run a reasonable meeting IPC Swimming is limiting the number of participants per NPC/IOSD to two (2). In case the number of participants allows, IPC Swimming will open up more slots to the NPCs/IOSDs interested to bring in more delegates.

NPC/IOSD:	
Participant name #1:	
Participant name #2:	
Participant name #3 (only if the total number of participants will allow this):	
Hereby I authorize the above named individuals to represent the NPC/IOSD of Swimming Consultation Meeting:	during the IPC
NPC President/Secretary General printed name and signature	

Please return your form to IPC Swimming ${f no}$ later than 30 March 2013

by fax: +49 228 2097 209

by e-mail: ipcswimming@paralympic.org