

## IPC Governing Board Biography Sheet

**Name:** Xavier Gonzalez

**Position:** IPC Chief Executive Officer

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Date and Place of Birth:** 09 August 1959, Barcelona



### Professional career

- CEO – International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Germany (2004-present)
- Interim COO/Paralympic Games Liaison Director – International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Germany (2002 –2004)
- Managing Director of Paralympics - Salt Lake Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games of 2002 (SLOC), USA (2000-2002)
- General Manager Sport and Games Operations – Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee (SPOC), Australia (1997-2000)
- Vice President of Sports/Deputy Chief Games Operations Officer - Atlanta Paralympic Organising Committee (APOC), USA (1993-1996)
- Deputy Director of Sports/Main Operations Area Director – Barcelona Olympic Organising Committee (COOB´92), Spain (1990-1992)

### Awards and Achievements

- Order of Friendship – Russian Federation (2014)
- Paralympic Order (2003)
- Silver Paralympic Order by ICC (International Co-ordination Committee of World Sports Organisations for the Disabled) (1992)

### Education

- Bachelors Degree in Economics and a Minor in Sociology, Autonomous University of Barcelona (Bellaterra)

### Languages

- Fluent in Catalan, Spanish and English; French (conversational level).



## Hobbies

- Sports in general (especially football & swimming), cooking and collecting wine