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Committee

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### **Agitos Foundation Grant Support Programme 2017 (GSP17)**

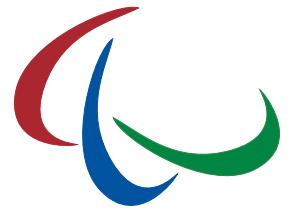
Dear Paralympic Friends,

Since its launch in 2013, the *Grant Support Programme* has supported more than 120 projects with over 2.500.000 EUR, supporting athletes, coaches and officials along the para-sport pathway from grassroots to elite performance. The Agitos Foundation is proud to announce the launch of the application process for the 2017 programme (GSP17).

Encouraged by the commitment and engagement of the GSP grantees to the Paralympic Movement, which reflects on the increasingly professional level of implementation and the number of new local partnerships established, we are confident that the standard of projects will continue to rise in 2017. In 2016, the Agitos Foundation received 66 applications and successfully awarded 33 projects. Based on demand and continued growth in the Paralympic Movement, we expect this year to be the most competitive yet.

Building on successes and learnings from previous years some changes have been introduced to the general structure of the programme. The *Focus Areas* for the 2017 GSP have been reorganised to fit the Agitos Foundation's core themes –PARA (Participation, Awareness, Representation and Awareness). The most important modification is related to the exclusion of classification research, a former focus area for International Federations and IOSDs, which will be supported by a new grant scheme created by the IPC and to be announced shortly by the IPC.

The refinements made this year reflect the outcomes from the previous series and aim at ensuring a greater impact on the identified needs of the IPC Membership as well as to help



us consolidate a set of *Key Performance Indicators* which allow us now to carry out a robust and consistent assessment of the programmes' reaches and needs. The total funding available will be 650 000 EUR, with 450,000 EUR available for NPCs and ROs and 200,000 EUR for IFs and IOSDs. Projects shall promote enhanced opportunities for athletes to access Para sports and support the IPC's development policy, which prioritises gender balance and athletes with high support needs.

Again, I would like to personally congratulate those projects successfully established since the launch of the GSP in 2013 and anticipate that you will continue your efforts to maintain the momentum created and use these new opportunities to enable your athletes to push the limits, inspiring and exciting the world through their sporting achievements.

I encourage you all to make an application for this 2017 programme and look forward to developing a new generation of athletes and strengthen para-sport pathways as we move towards the Paralympic Games in PyeonChang 2018, Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022.

Please find enclosed the GSP 17 Application Guidelines. For specific questions about the 2017 Grant Support Programme please contact the Agitos Foundation Team - [gsp@agitosfoundation.org](mailto:gsp@agitosfoundation.org).

Yours sincerely,

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