

**IFDS Development Committee Report, Emma Hallén**

Since April 2010, Emma Hallén has been the Acting Chair of the IFDS Development Committee.

To date, the work of the committee has focused on re-grouping and trying to find ways to make the best possible use of the member's skills and experience in an effective way. Trying to form a strategy not to be overwhelmed by the great task, but to at least get started.

**Seminar**

We will continue to evolve the development seminars held in conjunction to the IFDS AGM and ISAF Annual Conference. We wish to attract countries not necessarily new to sailing but new to sailors with disabilities, to come and be inspired. We also wish to strengthen the cooperation between established and newer RNA's as well as the IFDS. These seminars could also be a forum used to find out on what areas established RNA's are struggling with and how the newcomers would like to be assisted to get started.

**Networking**

One of the first steps of the committee will be to map out as many disabled sailing activities as we can around the globe. To get a clear picture of the situation and also find the key people/organizations for a worldwide network. The plan is to use the new <http://ifds.org> website to share information, reports and contacts.

**Growth**

Future goals will be:

1. to trying to establish a closer link between IFDS and the successful ISAF Connect to Sailing project.
2. to produce resources that can be used to spread knowledge and inspire new countries to include sailors with disabilities when they establish or develop their national programs.

Initial steps have been put in place in order to facilitate this.