

**IFDS Medical Committee Report, Bernard Destrube**

**Medical Committee or Classifiers have been present at a number of events, which includes:**

Miami OCR - 32 Classifications;  
Semaine Olympique Française, Hyeres - 10 pre-classifications (only one classifier due to the ash cloud);  
IFDS Worlds, Medemblik - over 60 classifications;  
Kieler Week – no classifier;  
Sail for Gold, Weymouth - 10 Classifications, covering 1/3 of the eligible fleet;  
Trofeo SAR Princesa Sofia, Palma - 1 Classifier.

Also

IPC Classification and Committee Meeting, Bonn, February 2010;  
Blind Worlds, Lake Garda June 2010, with TD, for observation and discussions with sailors in view of Submission to IPC;  
Barcelona Olympic Week, despite the organization cancelling the need for Classifiers.

Furthermore there was an IFDS Medical Committee Face to Face Meeting in Medemblik, Holland, during the 2010 Worlds.

Evolution of Numbers of Classified Sailors

Master list contained - 270 athletes in 2004  
260 athletes in 2008  
228 athletes at the end of August 2010

Considering the number of events building up to London 2012, we can expect a record number of eligible sailors this Quadrennium.

**Inclusion of intellectually disabled (ID) athletes**

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Bonn, GER Conference brought light to the approach on integrating ID back into IPC Games. New methodology on testing and evaluation of ID allows Swimming and Rowing to include ID, in separate events at the 2012 Paralympics. No mention was made of integrating ID in Sailing in the near or distant future.

**ISAF Race Officials Committee (ROC)**

Following the IFDS AGM last year, the project on integration of International Classifiers within the ISAF Race Officials has marked a pause – the ROC is not in favour of this evolution, which furthermore could have restricted IFDS independence in certain Classification matters.

**Inclusion of IFDS events within the ISAF World Cup**

This inclusion has continued to be a little difficult with organizers still having difficulties accepting the need for two IFDS International Classifiers. Certain Classification necessities (in particular a boat with a « CLA » flag (Classifiers Flag)) have not yet been fully embraced by the organizers. We are still in favour of fixing a « flat rate » for IFDS International Classifier transport expenses, but are encountering difficulties to establish the price.

As there are only two IFDS International Classifiers at these events, we cannot apply correct procedures in case of Classification Protests (which would require another two IFDS International Classifiers.)

**IPC audit**

As mentioned last year, IPC requested a self-audit of all Federations. This extensive analysis of our Functional Classification System (FCS) was satisfactory, with no negative comments coming from IPC.

**WADA Anti-doping Code**

Great progress has been made with ISAF on management of the anti-doping process for the group of disabled athletes. We expect to be relieved of this considerable problem in the near future.

**Work in progress includes**

1. Elaboration of a Bulletin specifically for National and International Classifiers;
2. Implementation of an online Classification payment procedures;
3. Improvement of our present Classification database;
4. Elaboration of an IFDS Classifier's Manual.

Sincere thanks to all the IFDS International Classifiers and the IFDS Medical Committee members for their active contributions over the past year.