



To: NPC President/Secretary General

To: IBSA National Federations

11th January 2015

VI International Classifier Training Course

Dear IBSA National Member,

Dear NPC Representative,

IBSA and IPC intend to jointly-run a classification course to recruit new International V.I. Classifiers to assess athletes with a visual impairment (VI). Once again, it is our pleasure to bring this initiative to your attention and welcome interested candidates.

This will be the third VI International Classifier training course, following courses held in 2011 and 2012.

The next course will take place in **Athens, Greece, from 28th to 30th March 2015**, the aim of which is to recruit new VI International Classifiers. The course is open to certified ophthalmologists and optometrists who have a proven record of expertise in low vision and proficiency in English. Experience and sport-technical expertise in any of the sports in which athletes with visual impairment compete, would be an advantage.

Successful participants will be certified as VI International Classifiers and will be officially recognized by the IPC and IBSA. They can therefore classify athletes with visual impairment competing in the IPC Sports of Athletics, Swimming, Alpine Skiing and Nordic Skiing (and Shooting in the future) and in the IBSA Sports of Goalball, Judo and Football 5-a-side.

To indicate interest by any of your experts in attending the VI International Classifier Course, please complete and return the response form to me (medical@ibasport.org) no later than 6th February 2015. When returning the response form, you must enclose proof of the participant's qualification as ophthalmologist or optometrist and CV (all documents to be submitted in English language). In order for applications to be considered, they must be endorsed by the relevant NPC or IBSA Member Federation. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

We welcome your support for candidates to facilitate their registration and participation.

The course participation fee is 250,-EUR. Additionally, the candidate and/or the relevant NPC or IBSA Member Federation need to cover for travel and accommodation (logistical details will be provided to all candidates accepted for the course).

Accommodation costs (full board) for the three days will be approximately 280 EUR p.p. based on double occupancy and 380 EUR for a single room.

Please note that there are only a limited number of participant slots available, and confirmation of acceptance will be decided by IBSA and the IPC shortly after the date of final entry.

Successful participation in such a certification course is now mandatory for all VI classifiers approved by IBSA and IPC.

On behalf of IPC and IBSA, we thank you for considering our invitation and for further dissemination of this information to all relevant parties.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dr Aspa Vouza', written in a cursive style.

Dr Aspa Vouza
IBSA Medical Director

cc Dr Peter van de Vliet – IPC Medical and Scientific Director
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