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## Media Release

### FIMS and the IPC Sign Agreement

Bonn, Germany – The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS) have officially signed and put in effect an agreement that will aim to improve mutual knowledge on the health, safety, research and performance of athletes with a disability.

Both organizations intend for this collaboration to advance science, professional education and practice, and health and safety relating to Paralympic sports and athletes with a disability.

Said IPC President Sir Philip Craven: “The collaboration with the International Federation of Sports Medicine will bring new ideas to the table that are sure to inspire new projects with medical research and education in the coming months and years. I look forward to seeing the progress to be made and the developments as a result.”

The general areas of collaboration between FIMS and the IPC include:

- Collaborative working to identify, promote and advance new scientific and clinical discovery in areas of sports science, medical services, anti-doping and classification
- Advocate the activities and projects of each organization with respective international partners
- Promote major initiatives of the organizations and distribute relevant information through their respective communication networks
- Explore topics and matters related to the Paralympic Movement and athletes with a disability in future FIMS and IPC Congresses

The agreement between FIMS and the IPC will last until the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS) is an international organization comprised of individual members, national associations, and multinational groups, with a common involvement in sports medicine on all continents. FIMS aims primarily to promote the study and development of sports medicine throughout the world, and to assist athletes in achieving optimal performance by maximizing their genetic potential, health, nutrition, and a high-quality medical care and training.

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Notes to the Editor:

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement. The IPC organizes the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, and serves as the International Federation for nine sports, for which it supervises

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and co-ordinates the World Championships and other competitions. The IPC is committed to enabling Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to developing sport opportunities for all persons with a disability from the beginner to elite level. In addition, the IPC aims to promote the Paralympic values, which include courage, determination, inspiration and equality.

Founded on 22 September 1989, the IPC is an international non-profit organization formed and run by 161 National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) from five regions and four disability specific international sports federations (IOSDs). The IPC Headquarters and its management team are located in Bonn, Germany.

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