



National Paralympic Committees

Sent by email.

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Actualising the Dream Project – Road to PyeongChang 2018
Workshop on Para ice hockey, Para cross country and Para biathlon – Training and education in Chuncheon, Korea

Dear National Paralympic Committees and Friends,

The Agitos Foundation and the Organising Committee of the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games PyeongChang 2018 (POCOG) have partnered to develop and deliver a training and education camp under the project: *Road to PyeongChang 2018: Agitos Foundation Sessions*. This partnership aims to enhance the level of athletes on Para ice hockey and to further educate coaches on cross country and biathlon of countries around the whole world to improve their performances towards-, in- and (hopefully) after PyeongChang2018.

The project relies on two main pillars. The first one is based on education, and aims to build capacity in Paralympic sport around the world. Through regional and worldwide workshops POCOG, international federations and the Agitos Foundation will provide training for athletes, coaches, sport managers, and officials on the road to the Paralympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018. The second pillar is based on increasing the performance of the athletes, helping them first to qualify for PyeongChang 2018 and to have the best performance ever at the Games. These camps are also an opportunity to increase the social recognition of the athletes bringing the Paralympic brand to society through broader communication of the athlete as a role model.

Please find below the workshop description, candidate profiles and the application process.

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The Workshop

Welcome to our Actualising the Dream Project - Road to PyeongChang 2018: Agitos Foundation Sessions.

This is the fourth workshop of the series and is aimed worldwide at female athletes that practice Para ice hockey and coaches for the cross country and biathlon disciplines. It will be delivered by Agitos Foundation in partnership with the IPC and the financial support of PyeongChang 2018.

The training and education courses will align winter Para sports activation and development aiming to strengthen the skills and knowledge of athletes and coaches, to increase motivation and prepare participation in PyeongChang 2018.

Throughout the 3-day workshop, participants will enhance their skills and knowledge to practice Para ice hockey or coach Para cross country and Para biathlon. The workshop aims at ensuring a lasting sustainable development impact for participating countries/athletes/coaches. Participants will be supported by the project with travel and accommodation costs.

Focus topics will include:

- Strengthening organisational capability/regional cooperation
- Activation and development of Para winter sports
- From theory to practice experiences
- Preparing for upcoming competitions and PyeongChang2018
- Increase athlete Para ice hockey abilities
- Enhance coaching skills in Para cross country and Para biathlon

Eligible Countries for Para ice hockey:

Europe: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland and Sweden

Asia: China, Japan, Korea

Eligible Countries for Para cross country and Para biathlon:

South America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela

Europe: Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Netherlands, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland

Asia: Armenia, China, Georgia, Iran, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mongolia

Dates:

11-15 October 2017 (11 October arrival, departures on 15 October).



Candidate profiles:

The candidates are to be individuals that are closely supported by the NPC and shall have an understanding of the Paralympic Movement. Candidates must be nominated by their NPC and shall have fluent written and spoken English skills. Please see the application form and guidelines for full details.

Slots:

Para ice hockey (25 athletes, 5 coaches)

Para cross country and/or Para biathlon (20 coaches)

All NPCs receiving this communication are invited to complete their applications by **07/06/2017** at the latest. For further details on the application process please refer to the application form and guidelines following this letter.

You are welcome to direct all questions and correspondence for the *Road to PyeongChang2018-Actualising the Dream Project* to:

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We look forward to receiving your applications and towards the continued growth of the Paralympic Movement in the whole world.

Yours sincerely,



The Agitos Foundation Team.