



VISTA and IPC classification meetings
participants

via email

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RE: 2023 VISTA conference and IPC classification meetings

Dear VISTA and IPC classification meetings participants,

Regrettably, we write to inform you that the International Paralympic Committee and the Egyptian Paralympic Committee have made the decision to postpone the VISTA conference until 2025.

The IPC's VISTA conference has become an important international scientific conference that provides a forum for exchanging information, research and expertise related to sport for people with a disability.

This year's conference was set to take place in Egypt, the first time for the African continent. In particular, it is intended to be an important milestone for furthering the development of Para sport in the region and across the world.

Unfortunately, however, a large number of speakers and presenters are now unable to travel due to the recent developments in Israel and Gaza. The absence of such a large number of speakers would have resulted in a greatly reduced programme, which would have lessened the quality of the overall programme. In addition, the in-person interaction and networking opportunities would have been greatly reduced, which represent another key purpose and value of the conference.

We therefore have made the decision to postpone the VISTA conference until 2025.

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New dates for the VISTA conference in 2025 will be confirmed in due course. Separately, you can also expect further communication with information about any reimbursements for registration and accommodation arrangements.

Please bear with us as we aim to resolve this expeditiously, while continuing to put successful plans in place for the preceding IPC Classification Meetings.

On the topic of the IPC Classification Meetings, we wish to confirm that these meetings will proceed as planned. We anticipate these sessions to be highly interactive and welcome your input to a rich and productive platform of mutual exchange, discussion, and networking.

The safety and security position in Egypt remains unchanged. Our top priority remains the safety and well-being of all participants and we continue to monitor regional events daily. To reiterate previous communications, the Tolip Hotel Olympic, International City, and the St. Regis Almasa Hotel are in secure compounds (outside of Cairo City) with 24/7 security and CCTV observation.

For those registered to attend the IPC Classification Meeting, airport transfers will be provided to and from Cairo International Airport and movements between hotels will be minimised. Additionally, the Local Organising Committee (LOC) has established close collaboration with local security agencies. For questions related to the classification meetings, contact classification@paralympic.org, and for any inquiries related to the postponement of the VISTA Conference please contact registration@vista2023.com.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you once again to VISTA in 2025. For those of you continuing to attend the IPC Classification Meetings, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



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