

International Relations January Update Report

CGA Visits

Fred MacGillivray and Kate have just completed a trip to the remaining European CGA's, except for England who were not available. This now completes the visits to this region, except for England.

Total CGA's Visited – as at 22 January

37

CGA Partner Program

The CGA Partner Program has now got a full time manager supporting its implementation – Savior Joseph. Savior has a wide variety of expertise that will aid his delivery of this program, including having worked for the High Commissioner for Refugees in Ghana, working on “Right to Play,” which provides funding for sport development in refugee camps throughout the world. Most recently, Savior provided marketing and communications expertise to Atlantic Canada's largest athletic department, Dalhousie University.

Inbound Trips

The invitations were sent prior to Christmas and a reply date of 5 January was requested. We did not expect many responses and that we would need to chase the delegates to determine if they could attend and if the dates were suitable. Surprisingly around 40% responded on or around the RSVP date. Mike Hooper has invited the Executive Board to attend on behalf of Halifax 2014 on the date below and he has had positive responses from all EB members except for John Tierney (Regional VP of Oceania) who he has not yet had contact from.

The dates of these visits proposed in the invitations as follows:

Europe (10 delegates):	3 to 6 August
Africa (18 delegates):	10 to 13 August
Caribbean and Americas (20 delegates):	17 to 20 August
CGF Executive Board (16 delegates):	7 to 10 September
Asia (8 delegates):	14 to 17 September
Oceania (14 delegates):	21 to 24 September
Optional/Standby date:	24 to 27 August

Evaluation Commission

As advised in the December report the Evaluation Commission has been appointed but the Caribbean representative had not yet been finalised. This has now been done. The representative is Larry Davis, Secretary General of the Bahamas CGA.

The full group therefore is:

- John Tierney (Regional VP – Oceania) – Chairman
- Dato' Sieh Kok Chi – Olympic Council of Malaysia
- Dr Larry Davis – Sec. Gen. Bahamas Olympic Association
- Craig McLatchey – CEO EKS
- Mike Hooper – CEO CGF

Mike Hooper has yet to confirm the exact date but he expects Halifax's visit will be the third week of June.

A preparatory program is being developed, initially led by Patrick Jarvis who has been on several IOC Evaluation Commissions and is now on the IOC Coordination Commission for London 2012, to prepare Halifax 2014 for the Evaluation Commission. This preparation will commence with a half day "simulation" in early March to help set the tone of how the sessions will operate and the level of planning required prior to the visit.

Upcoming Travel

The planned trips through to May are as follows:

- Europe – January – complete
- CGA visits to Africa – Jan 27 to Feb 16
- CGA visits to Caribbean – Feb 19 to March 4
- CGA visits to Oceania – March 20 to April 11, including attendance at the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) meeting March 23 and 24
- Attendance, in partnership with the CGF, at Sport Accord in April
- CGA visits to Asia – April 28 to May 5
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