Rio 2016 Paralympic Games
Para Archery: 10-17 September

Paralympic Torch

World Archery First Vice President Mario Scarzella took part in Rio’s Paralympic Torch Relay. “To be a torchbearer in Rio de Janeiro was truly amazing,” said Mario. “It’s a great experience, a dream that all sportsmen have and I was lucky enough to have it happen.”

Mario carried the torch during the relay ahead of the Winter Olympics in Turin in 2006. “To have the opportunity to do so at the Summer Paralympics was a great gift,” he added.

Para Archery Competition

Great Britain topped the Paralympic medal table with 3 golds – in the W1 men’s, women’s and mixed team competitions – two silvers and one bronze.

Great Britain also had a clean sweep of the podium, the first at the Games in 20 years, in the women’s W1 event.

At 16, Jessica Stretton was the youngest para archer on the Rio field. She beat teammate Jo Frith 137-124 in the W1 final after Britain’s Vicky Jenkins had claimed bronze.

The W1 men’s competition was tight to the final end.

Great Britain’s John Walker beat World Archery Champion and world number one from Czech Republic David Drahoninsky in the gold medal match, 141-139, in the Sambodromo.

Slovakia’s Peter Kinik took bronze ahead of Uwe Herter, of Germany, 133-125.

Then runner-up Drahoninsky took a microphone after the athletes left the podium. And proposed to his girlfriend, who said yes.

Iran’s Paralympic superstar Zahra Nemati won a second consecutive individual gold medal at the Paralympic Games, after also making her Olympic debut in Rio.

She was the first Iranian athlete to secure a gold medal in either the Olympic or Paralympic Games in 2012.
Nemati added Paralympic recurve women’s gold in Rio to the historic gold she secured in London with a dramatic, 6-4, win over World Archery Para Champion Wu Chunyan of China.

Poland’s Milena Olszewska won the bronze medal in a shoot off against Korea’s Lee Hwa Sook.

Iran’s Gholamreza Rahimi and Ebrahim Ranjbarkivaj both climbed the individual recurve men’s open podium.

Rahimi beat top-seeded teammate in a five-set semifinal then shot two perfect 30-point sets to claim Paralympic gold ahead of Thailand’s Hanreuchai Netsiri.

Host nation Brazil came close to claiming its first archery medal of the Games. Luciano Rezende couldn’t pass second seed and silver medallist Netsiri in the semis, though – and was beaten, 7-1, by Ranjbarkivaj in the bronze final.

Andre Shelby, a 49-year-old USA navy veteran, won the compound men’s open individual gold medal at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, beating Italy’s Alberto Simonelli in the final by a single point.

Australia’s Jonathon Milne beat Ai Xinliang of China, 145-142, in the bronze medal match.

The first of three Paralympic mixed team finals saw China’s recurve open pair upset favourite Iran, as the mixed team category was newly introduced ahead of the Rio Games.

Italy took bronze with a 5-1 victory over the underdog Mongolia, seeded 11th but finishers in the top four.

After the Chinese pair took the first Paralympic mixed team title on archery’s first medal day, its compound open mixed team doubled the gold-count on the second.

Number two seeds Zhou Jiamin and Ai Xinliang beat Great Britain in the final. Korea took bronze ahead of Turkey.

Two Chinese athletes, Zhou Jiamin and Lin Yueshan, contested the compound women’s open gold medal match. Both scored 138 points, then Zhou won the shoot-off, nine to seven. Second seed Somayeh Abbaspour, from Iran, was upset again in the bronze final by Korea’s Kim Mi Soon who took the last spot on the podium.

In the final event of the Rio 2016 para archery competition, Great Britain took the first Paralympic W1 mixed team title. The gold was the nation’s sixth of the Games and lifted them to the top of the Paralympic medal table.

Top-seeded duo Jo Frith and John Walker edged out the Korean pairing of Kim Ok Geum and Koo Dong Sub in the final, 133-129.

The Czech Republic’s David Drahoninsky and Sarka Musilova took bronze against the United States.
World Archery

Staff
World Archery Senior Development Coordinator Deqa Niamkey will leave World Archery as of 11 October 2016 after nine years of dedication to the development of archery worldwide.

With the World Archery Excellence Centre becoming more and more operational and important changes taking place in strategy and operations of the development programmes, the new role and position at the Centre was not suitable for Deqa. World Archery is grateful for her dedication to our sport and wishes her the very best in the future.

In the next newsletter, more updates will be provided on who to contact for which projects, but until the details are finalised, you can contact Pascal Colmaire (pcolmaire@archery.org) for matters related to strategy and new membership applications, Juan Carlos Holgado (jchholgado@worldarcherycentre.org) for matters related to the Centre and Tom Dielen (tdielen@archery.org) for all other matters.

Phishing Attempts
World Archery has received notification of an increased number of phishing emails from organisations or individuals posing as World Archery. Please only click on emails from trusted sources. Google Phishing advice: https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/106318?hl=en.

Athletes Committee
Competitors at the 2016 World Archery Field Championships in Dublin, Ireland voted for their field archery representative to the committee, who serves for four years until the worlds in 2020. Four-time Olympian and reigning World Games Champion Naomi Folkard was elected. The Brit will serve a four-year term on World Archery’s Athletes Committee, the voice of athletes within the governance of World Archery.

Read more: http://archy.re/2cEaUKZ

Annual report
An annual report is issued by World Archery every year for member federations, stakeholders and the World Archery and Olympic Family.

The 2015 issue is now available for download, together with all previous annual reports.

Download: https://worldarchery.org/annual-report

Awards
IPC Athletes’ Council
Para archer Gizem Girismen was re-elected to the International Paralympic Committee’s Athletes’ Council during the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A record 22 athletes stood for election to the six available places. The Council acts as the voice of para athletes to IPC decision-makers.

Read more: http://archy.re/2cM0glp
USOC Olympic Torch
Jim Easton was recognised with the US Olympic Committee’s Olympic Torch Award, which recognises an individual who has positively impacted the Olympic Movement by promoting the Olympic Ideals.

Easton was World Archery President from 1989 to 2005, an IOC Vice President and a member of the board of the US Olympic Committee.

Under his leadership, the Easton Sports Development Foundation supported the development of training centres including the World Archery Excellence Centre in Lausanne, Switzerland, due to open before the end of 2016.

Read more: [http://archy.re/2cM02Lk](http://archy.re/2cM02Lk)

IPC Hall of Fame
Paralympic legend Neroli Fairhall was posthumously inducted into the Paralympic Hall of Fame on 9 September in a ceremony at the IPC’s Hospitality Centre at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

The award was presented by IPC President Sir Philip Craven and collected by Paralympics New Zealand President Selwyn Maister and World Archery Para Committee Chair Carole Hicks on Fairhall’s behalf.

Read more: [http://archy.re/2dx5JgX](http://archy.re/2dx5JgX)

National Sport Award
The General Secretary of Bangladesh’s national archery federation, Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed Chapol received the National Sport Award for establishing archery nationwide through national and international events, coaching and judging courses, and the implementation of a talent identification programme within Bangladesh.

The award ceremony took place on 4 September 2016 at Osmani Memorial Hall in Dhaka, where 32 people were honoured by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Read more: [http://archy.re/2ddv5Nj](http://archy.re/2ddv5Nj)

Olympic Museum

Donation
A ceremony to celebrate donations by Olympic archers to the Olympic Museum was held on Saturday 13 August at the Athletes Village in Rio.

Olympians Evangelia Psarra, Takaharu Furukawa, Marcus D’Almeida and Rick van den Ven gifted pieces of equipment used at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Yasmin Meichtry, Head of the Heritage Management Unit, received donations

Read more: [http://archy.re/2dGHj1](http://archy.re/2dGHj1)
**Events**

**Odense 2016**
The 2016 Hyundai Archery World Cup season came to a dramatic close in King’s Gardens in Odense, Denmark on 24/25 September.

Olympic bronze medallist Brady Ellison of the USA won an unparalleled fourth Hyundai Archery World Cup title in Odense, Denmark, at the close of the 2016 international archery season.

He beat Sjef van den Berg, of the Netherlands – who finished fourth at Rio 2016 – in a nail-biting, one-arrow tiebreaker.

Three-time Olympic gold medallist Ki Bo Bae, from Korea, also won her second Hyundai Archery World Cup Champion crown. The reigning World Archery Champion beat world number one, and teammate, Choi Misun.

Compound titles were taken by Marcella Tonioli, of Italy, and world number one Mike Schloesser in front of Odense Castle, in the centre of the City of Odense.

Read more: [http://archy.re/2cUi8KS](http://archy.re/2cUi8KS)

**Dublin 2016**
USA archer Brady Ellison, Olympic bronze medallist in Rio, added to an exceptional season that already saw him secure a fourth Hyundai Archery World Cup Final win with a successful title defence at the World Archery Field Championships.

Erik Jonsson won a fourth title in the barebow men’s competition, while Chantal Porte, Amy Oliver, Irene Franchini and Steve Anderson also collected senior gold medals.

All stages of the event were held in the beautiful grounds of Killruddery House in Bray, just outside Dublin, Ireland.

Read more: [http://archy.re/2dGSsBf](http://archy.re/2dGSsBf)

**Central European Cup 2016**
The final stage of the Central European Cup was held in Belgrade, Serbia on 10/11 September 2016, after three early stages in Kamnik, Slovenia; Arad, Romania; and Dugo Selo, Croatia.

Special guest Evelyn Papadopoulou, member of World Archery’s Gender Equity Committee, opened the tournament in which 67 athletes from eight nations competed.

**Nairobi 2016**
The National Archery Organisation of Kenya will host a national archery tournament on 16 October 2016 at Strathmore University Sports Grounds in Nairobi.

Preliminary registration will close on Wednesday 12 October 2016. Here is the registration link.

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Buenos Aires 2018

The International Olympic Committee has released the qualification procedure for Buenos Aires 2018, which will include events for recurve cadet men, recurve cadet women and mixed nation mixed teams.

Athletes born on or after 1 January 2001 and on or before 31 December 2003 are permitted to compete, provided they fulfil the Olympic Charter and reach a minimum qualifying score.

Fifty-four of the 64 places in the competition will be distributed via qualification tournaments, with each nation winning a maximum of one men’s and one women’s invitations.

Read more: http://archy.re/2cEanc4

Education

Online library

World Archery is developing an online library with priority on compilation, formatting and posting of documents on technical and training subjects. This important project is coordinated by Mr Alberto Zagami under the supervision of World Archery Development and Education Director Pascal Colmaire. Anyone willing to assist with this project is invited to report to pcolmaire@archery.org.

Archery Exhibition

To mark his 40th anniversary of archery participation in events and competitions, Slovenian coach Marjan Podržaj initiated a project of an archery museum. He has now opened a permanent archery exhibition in the premises of the Park of Military History Pivka, entitled ‘From Originality to Prestige’.

For more information, contact Marjan: marjan.podrzaj@olympic.si

Coaching Course in Patagonia

The Archery Federation of Argentina (FATARCO) hosted a course for coaches in the region of Patagonia on 16-18 September 2016. Under the expertise of World Archery Coach Trainer Jorge Cabrera, the event gathered more than 30 coaches who reviewed the national coaching programme. Archery in Patagonia is experiencing an incredible growth and the course was necessary to assess coach methodologies and techniques.

In November 2016, FATARCO will launch the new national certification programme document for all national coaches.

ICECP Scholarship

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the University of Delaware created a programme for the certification of national coaches from all sports, called "International Coaching Certification Programme" (ICECP).

Mohamed Ziaul Hoque from Bangladesh and Yuri Yogev from Israel have been granted an Olympic Solidarity Coaches Scholarship to attend the ICECP 2016-2017. They will follow the first two modules of the programme at the University of Delaware (USA) and the last modules in Lausanne, Switzerland, home of the International Olympic Committee and International Sports Federations.

World Archery would like to congratulate Mohammad and Yuri for their devotion to archery and looks forward to collaborating with them in the near future.
Members

Affiliation
The Democratic Republic of Congo submitted their membership application conformed to World Archery Rule 1.4.2. According to Rule 1.4.3, the current World Archery member associations and members of the Executive Board have 60 days for raising in writing to the World Archery office any objections to this affiliation request.

Without any serious objection within these 60 days (until 30 November 2016), a temporary membership will be granted to the Congolese Archery Federation until the 2017 Congress in Mexico City where the final membership of this national archery association will be submitted to a vote.

Second hand equipment
In 2017, the French Archery Federation (FFTA) will start collecting second hand archery equipment to assist West African countries that are developing the sport. Due to the lack of financial resources for many of these countries, FFTA proposed to assist them by involving all clubs in France by collecting unused equipment instead of throwing them away.

Olymпаfrica will manage the shipment to the concerned countries and supervise the distribution to the federations and the centres. For any further information, please contact pcolmaire@archery.org

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## Calendar Highlights

### 2016
- **26-27 November**: Indoor Archery World Cup 2016/17 Stage 1, Marrakesh (MAR)
- **10-11 December**: Indoor Archery World Cup 2016/17 Stage 2, Bangkok (THA)
- **12 December**: Indoor Para Archery World Cup, Bangkok (THA)

### 2017
- **20-22 January**: Indoor Archery World Cup 2016/17 Stage 3, Nimes (FRA)
- **10-12 February**: Indoor Archery World Cup 2016/17 Stage 4 + Final, Las Vegas (USA)
- **7-11 March**: European Indoor Championships, Vittel (FRA)
- **19-26 March**: Asia Cup World Ranking Tournament, Bangkok (THA)
- **26-30 April**: European Grand Prix, 1st leg, Legnica (POL)
- **28-30 April**: Veronica’s Cup, Kamnik (SLO)
- **30 April – 5 May**: Juan Enrique Barrios Cup WRE and Para WRE, Shanghai (CHN)
- **12 December**: Indoor Para Archery World Cup, Monterrey (MEX)
- **12-17 September**: World Archery Para Championships, Rome (ITA)
- **12-17 September**: World Archery Championships, TBC
- **19-24 September**: World Archery 3D Championships, Robion (FRA)
- **2-8 October**: World Archery Youth Championships, Rosario (ARG)
- **13-14 October**: World Archery Congress, TBC
- **15-22 October**: World Archery Championships, Mexico City (MEX)
- **17-19 November**: Indoor Archery World Cup 2017/18 Stage 1, Marrakesh (MAR)
- **1-2 December**: Indoor Archery World Cup 2017/18 Stage 2, Bangkok (THA)
- **3 December**: Indoor Para Archery World Cup, Bangkok (THA)

### 2018
- **19-21 January**: Indoor Archery World Cup 2017/18 Stage 3, Nimes (FRA)
- **9-11 February**: Indoor Archery World Cup 2017/18 Stage 4 + Final, Las Vegas (USA)
- **13-18 February**: World Archery Indoor Championships, Yankton (USA)
- **16-21 April**: European Grand Prix, 1st leg, TBC
- **1-6 May TBC**: Archery World Cup Stage 1, Shanghai (CHN)
- **15-19 May**: European Grand Prix, 2nd leg, TBC
- **5-10 June**: European Youth Championships + CQT, Antalya (TUR)
- **16-30 June**: European Youth Championships + CQT, TBC
- **20-25 June**: Archery World Cup Stage 3, Salt Lake City (USA)
- **17-22 July**: Archery World Cup Stage 4, Berlin (GER)
- **18 Aug.-2 Sept.**: Asian Games, Jakarta (INA)
- **28 August – 1 Sept.**: European Championships, TBC
- **4-9 September**: World Archery Field Championships, Cortina (ITA)
- **18-22 September**: European 3D Championships, TBC
- **1-12 October**: Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires (ARG)

### 2019
- **3-9 June**: World Archery Para Championships, ’s-Hertogenbosch (NED)
- **10-16 June**: World Archery Championships, ’s-Hertogenbosch (NED)
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