

IPC and Ottobock Healthcare continue Paralympic Partnership

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Cooperation agreement extended for Rio 2016 and beyond

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and Ottobock Healthcare, the Official Prosthetic, Orthotic and Wheelchair Technical Service Provider to the London 2012 Paralympic Games (<http://paralympic-press.ottobock.com/en/home/>), have today extended their worldwide partnership up to and including Rio 2016. The partnership, which was signed at the IPC Hospitality Centre next to the Olympic Park, solidifies Ottobock's role as a dedicated partner of the Paralympic movement, helping to write sports history which is currently reaching new heights in London.

Ottobock has been a partner to the Paralympic Games (<http://passion.ottobock.com/>) providing technical service since the Seoul 1988 Paralympic Games, and has completed approximately 10,000 repairs for athletes during Paralympic competitions since then. IPC President Sir Philip Craven and Professor Hans Georg Näder, CEO and owner of Ottobock, both emphasised the importance of their partnership, which is based on trust, shared values and vision for the future of the Paralympic Movement and sport as a driving force to promote inclusion.

Sir Philip Craven, President of the IPC said: "I am delighted that Ottobock has extended its relationship with us. They are a much valued worldwide partner of the IPC.

"Through our partnership they bring a wealth of experience and knowledge which benefits the whole of the Paralympic Movement. We look forward to working with them through to Rio 2016 and the first Paralympic Games in South America."

Professor Hans Georg Näder emphasised that the athletes have an impact as role models far beyond sports. "With our means, the technical know-how of a global market leader and the enthusiasm shared by my employees around the world, we want to do our part to continue writing the success story of the Paralympic movement."

The Games in London come to an end with the Closing Ceremony on 9 September in the Stadium. This Paralympic movement began in 1948 with the Mandeville Games organised by Sir Guttman and we celebrate under the motto 'The Games are Coming Home'. And they are better than ever. With the signing of the agreement at the IPC Hospitality Centre next to the Olympic Park, the course has been set for their future.

Picture caption: (Further images available on request)

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About Ottobock Healthcare (<http://www.ottobock.co.uk/>)

Ottobock is a world leading supplier of high quality, innovative and practical solutions that restore

human mobility and help people to rediscover personal independence. Ottobock Healthcare is part of the Ottobock global group of companies established in the UK in 1976. Its wide product range includes high quality prosthetic and orthotic components, wheelchairs, rehabilitation and mobility products available through the country's leading clinics and dealers. With a highly motivated and skilled team of professionals offering expert advice, product sales, service and support, Ottobock solutions enhance the physical comfort, confidence and mobility of the individual. Ottobock aims to achieve the best possible outcome for its customers, combining the latest technology with cutting-edge products and services.

Ottobock is also the Official Prosthetic, Orthotic and Wheelchair Technical Service Provider of the 2012 Paralympic Games. It has been supporting people with disabilities to participate in sports and recreation for more than three decades, and has been a Partner of the Paralympic Games since 1988. Ottobock has been an official 'Worldwide Partner of the Paralympic Movement' since 2005. www.ottobock.co.uk

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