

# Establishment of the International Deaf Basketball Association

Date: 1998 05 02

Place: Deaf House in Turku, Finland

Participants:

**Finland:**

Jussi Raisio  
Jarmo Järventausta

**Estonia:**

Riina Kuusk

**Latvia**

Edgars Vorslovs

**Lithuania:**

Aleksas Jasiunas  
Remigijus Balaisis

**Sweden:**

Christian Boklund  
Kjell Gunnå

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## 01. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Jussi Raisio, Chairman of the Finnish Committee of Deaf Basketball greeted all participants welcome, informed that he since a long time back have been figuring of establishing an International Deaf Basketball Association to promote deaf basketball of the world and find it being the right moment now.

The idea was enthusiastically received by the participants of the meeting and it was discussed very much how to work it out without the frowning of the CISS and the Regional Confederations such as EDSO and others.

## 02. Establishment of the International Deaf Basketball Association

The meeting decided to establish the International Deaf Basketball Association and decided to form an interimistic Board to start working with forming statutes, create information to CISS and regional confederations and countries and recruiting country members to the Association.

Some of the most important purposes of the Association shall be

- working for and promoting of deaf basketball in the world
- cooperation with the CISS and its TD of basketball
- cooperation with the EDSO, other Regional Confederation and their TDs of basketball
- establish connection with the FIBA, the hearing international basketball association

### 03. Election of interimistic Board

The meeting decided to interimistically elect Mr. Jussi Raisio for the first President of the Association and Mr. Aleksas Jasiunas for Board Member. Mr. Kjell Gunnå, being TD of Basketball for both CISS and EDSO, was asked to take a seat in the Board as a secretary and a liaison person for the three organizations. He accepted this position insofar that the CISS and EDSO have no objections to this.

### 04. Next meeting

The meeting decided to hold its next meeting in connection with the EDSO-Congress in Vilnius 20th - 21st June to discuss further actions. To this meeting some of the more outstanding basketball-countries would be invited to discuss the idea of this establishment of an International Deaf Basketball Association.

To the meeting Mr. Gunnå will try to find out the statutes and administrative ways for the International Wheelchair Basketball Association which now is affiliated with the FIBA and raising great support from them.

Minute taker:

President:

Kjell Gunnå

Jussi Raisio