
FEDERATION OF IRISH SPORT

ANNUAL REVIEW 2014



WHY IRISH SPORT MATTERS

It's more than just sport...

FEDERATION OF
**IRISH
SPORT**

The voice of Irish sport

IRISH PEOPLE LOVE SPORT

2.5m
Irish people participate in sport every year

83%
of Irish children are involved in sport outside of school

5 of the top 20 most watched programmes on RTE last year were sports events

€1.36bn

the value of sport related volunteering carried out by the **500,000** adults who give up their time willingly each week



Irish athletes now win 11 times as many medals at World and European events as they did in 2000



12,000

sports clubs in Ireland. Clubs are at the heart of Irish sport providing opportunities for participation, fun, camaraderie and competition

SPORT CONTRIBUTES TO THE IRISH ECONOMY

€2.38bn

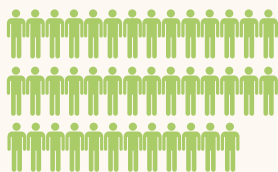
the value added to the Irish economy, 1.4% of GDP

€755m

is generated each year by recreational angling, with **150,000** visitors supporting **10,000** jobs.

40,000+

jobs are supported by sport in Ireland, 2.08% of all jobs.



€97m

the value to the economy of the **99,000** overseas visitors engaged in Equestrian activities each year

€375m

IRFU's estimated worth of rugby to the tourism economy, with some **50%** of that income coming from overseas visitors

€1,200

average amount spent by each of the **163,000** golf visitors to Ireland.



for every one euro invested in coaching by the GAA this generates 12 euros, returning

€54m

to the economy

BOARD AND STAFF PROFILES

BOARD



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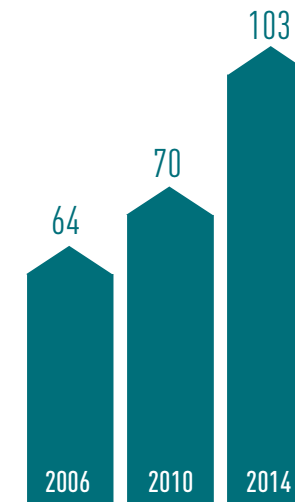


ELAINE MOONEY, Administrator



MARCUS CASEY, Communications Intern

INCREASE IN FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

BERNARD BROGAN



I have been lucky enough to have been involved in sport all my life. In recent times it has been playing for Dublin and my club, St. Oliver Plunkett's that has been the focus of my sporting endeavour but as a youngster I was involved in lots of different sports An opportunity I would like all Ireland's young people to be afforded.

As a result I have seen at first hand the benefits of being involved in sport. Be it the friendships I have made, the places sport has taken me or the focus it provided me in trying to match my achievements on the field of play to my life away from sport.

More recently, I have made the transition into the business of sport establishing Legacy Sports & Entertainment Consultants with my cousin, James, evidence of my belief that sport is a sector that does and can play an even bigger role in the economic and social life of Ireland.

I have watched from afar how in recent years the Federation of Irish Sport has not just united Irish Sport under one umbrella but has also made significant strides in raising awareness of the multiple dividends sport provides to both the economic and social life of the country. I now look forward to playing a part.

I am delighted that the Government have not made any further reductions in funding for sport in 2015 and pleased to have played a part in that campaign. However, I do believe that the full potential of sport to Ireland has not yet being maximised.

Sport is still too often seen by many as a hobby or pastime. Those of us involved in sport know it is much much more – be it the 40,000 jobs sport support in Ireland, the €1.9 billion in household spending sport stimulates, the €1 billion sport generates in tourism receipts each year, the 500,000 Irish adults sport inspires to go out and volunteer not to mention the on-going role sport does and can make to public health.

I am delighted to take up the challenge of being President of the Federation. I am committed to spreading the message of the true value of sport to Ireland and ensuring it is recognised. Set out in the pages that follow are details of the wide and diverse contribution the Federation's members have made to Irish life over the last 12 months.

Government investment in Irish Sport enables much of this work. The reality is however that funding is not enough; other forms of support are also required to allow this work to continue and to be built on. Some of the policy measures we would like to see initiated in 2015 to facilitate the further development of Irish Sport include:

- The extension of the tax relief in place for sporting bodies for capital projects to areas of current spend;
- The adoption of an overall policy or masterplan for Irish Sport encompassing all areas of Government activities that impact on sport; and
- Exploring whether a portion of betting tax receipts could be used to provide a sustainable income stream for sport.

The Federation is committed to working in a collaborative way. The aim for Irish Sport must be to improve the lives of all who come in contact with sport and to do our best to afford more opportunities to those not yet partaking. Sport has improved my life. I know that it can have a positive impact on the lives of all of Ireland's people. It will however need all of those involved in sport – Government, Business as well as Sport itself to work together to make that goal a reality. Let's hope 2015 will see some of these important developments get underway.

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Bernard Brogan

MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

SARAH O'CONNOR



Irish Sport has flourished in final straight of 2014. Three boats qualifying for Rio 2016, Rory sealing a USPGA, a cracking win by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Hurling Final, Paul McGinley captaining the European Team to a win over the USA at Gleneagles, two silver medals at the World Cycling Championships, a clean sweep in the Autumn Internationals, Katie Taylor securing a record equalling fifth World Championship. All in the last three months!

These results which showcase Ireland on the world stage whilst causing reason for celebration here at home thankfully, have been matched by positive findings regarding participation levels. The Irish Sport's Council's 2013 Irish Sports Monitor shows that sports participation rates have increased from 44.8% in 2011 to 47.2%. Female participation is also up increasing by some 3.7%.

Investment in sport is paying dividends both in terms of participation and improved consistency in performance on the international stage across a number of sports. However, to view the contribution of sport only in this context is much too narrow a focus and denies the varied and significant impact sport has on Irish Society.

We therefore welcome the developments over the last year in terms of the acknowledgement by the Department of Health of the key role physical activity has to play as part of the Healthy Ireland framework. We look forward to working with them both in the context of the Healthy Ireland Council and the National Physical Activity Plan which will be published next year.

2014 has also seen a much closer working relationship between the Federation and Fáilte Ireland with a view to encouraging and providing support to Federation members regarding the hosting of international sports conferences and events in Ireland. The International Skating Union held their bi-annual Congress in Dublin early this year generating a return of over €1 million in the process. The FAI successfully secured matches from the Euro 2020 Championships for Dublin whilst, a number of other bids including one for the IPC European Swimming Championships 2018 are underway.

Developments at the National Sports Campus have continued apace with the Community Pitches being officially opened in January, both the GAA & the FAI breaking ground on their developments, a number of high performance swimmers now being accommodated on site with boxers hopefully to follow in 2015. Work has also commenced on an extension to the Irish Institute of Sport as well as a shared changing room/conference facility. It is intended that work on the long awaited National Indoor Training Centre to include a multi-sport hall, indoor athletics track, national gymnastics centre as well as top quality strength and conditioning facilities will commence in 2015.

Minister Varadkar, then Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport made some positive statements around the Government's commitment to sport at our Annual Conference in 2014 noting;

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The goal has always been from day one to maintain and protect as much as possible Government resources for Sport and to ensure the continued development of all sport in the State. The Government is very much aware of the need to promote sports and physical activity and to support NBGs in the work that they do and also to strive to provide the best sporting facilities that we can. And that's not just for elite sportspeople but it's also for Women in Sport and participation programmes for older people as well. That's why we would be determined as much as possible to protect that funding stream.

Minister Varadkar's statement was followed in the context of Budget 2015 by Minister Paschal Donohoe and Minister Ring being successful in ensuring there was no further reduction to the hugely important current funding for sport in 2015. Indeed, at the time of writing it appears likely they might even be successful in going a step further and securing some additional monies to assist in the qualification preparations for Rio 2016 the bulk of which take place in 2015. The additional Sports Capital Programme they managed to secure for 2015 is also welcome and should contribute to a growing network of fit for purpose facilities nationwide.

The Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport are big supporters of sport and we are very grateful to them for the positive working relationship that sport enjoys with them. There is however, a job still to be done perhaps to raise the profile not of sport itself but of the varied dividend sport plays with the Taoiseach and across other Government Departments. We look forward to working with Ministers Donohoe and Ring to achieve that in 2015.

Thanks must also go to the Irish Sports Council, to Chairman Kieran Mulvey and to Chief Executive John Treacy and his team for all their support of our work over the course of the last 12 months. Evidence of this being the collaboration on the National Awards to Volunteers in Sport which saw 10 real grassroots heroes being acknowledged for a collective voluntary contribution of some "278" years across a range of sports nationwide.



We are also very grateful to Deputy John O'Mahony T.D. who was instrumental in the establishment this year of a Friends of Sport Group within the Oireachtas taking up the mantle of Chair of the group designed to champion sport within the Houses of the Oireachtas. We would like to thank him and his parliamentary colleagues including Eoghan Murphy, Mary Mitchell-O'Connor, Helen McEntee, Aevril Power and Mary Moran for their assistance in raising awareness of the true

contribution of sport within Parliament. We look forward to working with them to further developing this understanding next year.

We would also like to thank our commercial partners JLT, Leman, OSK, FutureFit, Tifco Hotel Group, Print Depot and Dublin City Council for their continued support and assistance for the work of the Federation. Without their and the support of our 103 member organisations there would be no Federation.

I would also like to thank the team in the office for their dedication to the Federation which, is underpinned by a passion and belief in all of Irish Sport. The same can be said for each of our Board Directors who all give of their time to work to ensure that the Federation can be both an independent voice for Irish Sport as well as provide first class assistance and representation for our members.

It is a real privilege to be involved with Irish Sport. In many ways we feel the journey for Irish Sport is just beginning. Despite all the challenges and difficulties faced in recent years, the 27% reduction in current funding levels since 2008, the scarcity of commercial funding, the lack as yet of a culture of philanthropy or giving when it comes to sport our Members have continued to look to strive, to develop and grow their reach and impact. In many cases they have been successful and it is with great pleasure that we detail just some of these successes in this Annual Review.

With additional investment there is potential to do a lot more. We will be encouraging Government to look at sport as a tool for delivering on a number of policy objectives and to seriously examine ways in securing the necessary funding to deliver this. The business and philanthropy community can also play their part.

We hope that the varied contribution of sport as well as the specific achievements of our member organisations detailed in the pages that follow might be a catalyst for some new and strategic thinking regarding sport in Ireland. If this were to happen it might not just be the accomplishments of our heralded athletes that we as a country could enjoy and be proud of. Sport can help Ireland become a better place.....it just needs to be given a real chance.

Sarah O'Connor
Chief Executive

SPORT AND HEALTH



Swim Ireland had over

1,200

sign up for their first ever Swim for a Mile Programme in 2014

Ireland is on course to be the fattest country in Europe by 2025. Only 11 years away. Lifestyle induced Type 2 diabetes is also on the rise with rates expected to almost double by 2030. This is fast becoming a matter of life or death not to mention a serious threat to our economic stability as a country.

Sport cannot provide the entire solution but it can play a part. People engaged in even moderate physical activity are 15 years younger in health terms than those who do nothing at all. 89% of highly active people are more likely to report their weight and diet as healthy compared to those who are sedentary.

Only 10% of our secondary school students receive the recommended 120 minutes of PE in school each week placing post-primary schools as the fourth worst in Europe in terms of PE. Our primary schools are the worst in Europe. Young people need 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day to achieve the minimum levels required for health. Irish Sport therefore has a huge role to play in ensuring our young people are sufficiently active. Indeed, 83% of primary school children get their activity outside school.

It is not just the kids however – adults need 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times a week just to stay healthy. Sport is not just for the young. There is a sport out there for everyone at all stages of their life. Irish Sport is working hard to ensure that there are opportunities for people to partake no matter their place on the life cycle. Examples of some of the initiatives undertaken in 2015 include:

Athletics Ireland's membership has grown by **15,000** since 2009, to **54,000** in 2014

Cycling Ireland has grown its membership by **21%**

The GAA's Féile na nGael and Féile na nÓg has seen a **40%** increase in the number of clubs and players participating with almost **15,000** players taking part in **977** games

Over **3,000** people took part in the Let's Get Kerry Walking, Operation Transformation Walk

572 people took part in **7** different walks during Laois Connects week, aimed at promoting mental health and wellbeing

26,684 individuals participated in Limerick LSP programmes and events in 2014

1,000 women took part in the Tipperary Womens Mini Marathon

Physical inactivity is estimated to be the principal cause of almost **25%** of breast and colon cancer, **27%** of diabetes and **30%** heart disease

230,000 people are swimming on a weekly basis

Last year, over **50,000** people participated in triathlons

CASE STUDY: ST. COLMCILLE'S GAA – A CLUB AT THE HEART OF ITS COMMUNITY

St. Colmcille's was accepted into the GAA's healthy club pilot project running in 18 clubs nationwide. The project, delivered in partnership with the HSE, aims to assist GAA clubs respond to the wide and varied health needs not just of their members but also to the wider community in which they are based.

Based in Bettystown, St. Colmcille's club wanted to do more for the local community in which it was based. They opened their doors to the community for a project entitled "How are You Feeling Today" targeting mental health. 120 people turned up that first night and the club now has over 250 people who otherwise have no involvement in GAA partaking in their programmes.

This is in addition to the club's sporting endeavours. St. Colmcille's had 350 members 10 years ago now it has almost 1800. The club fields 59 teams and provide free coaching in all 7 schools in the area.

A recent study undertaken by the club to estimate the economic value on their volunteer effort found that it came to €1.1 million per year based on a rate of €12 per hour. A voluntary workforce giving back to their community and improving its health and wellbeing as they go. A great example of just how sport can place itself at the heartbeat of communities nationwide.



SPORT CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMY

The Giro d'Italia came to Ireland starting in Belfast and finishing in Dublin, with an estimated value to the economy of

€50M

with

775M

people watching in

165

countries worldwide

Sport supports 40,000 jobs in Ireland. Sport creates €2.4 billion in added value for the Irish economy each year and stimulates €1.9 billion in household spending. This household spending is made up of member subscriptions, equipment, travel, tickets, clothing and footwear, education, broadcast, publications, health and fitness club as well as donations and fundraising.

Recent research from Clare Local Sports Partnership found that every new female sports participant in one of their programmes spent an average of €151 in the local economy on clothing and footwear.

Tourism too is a big contributor to the return sport creates for the Irish economy. Sports Tourism is estimated to be worth US\$600 billion each year and is generally regarded as one of the fastest growing niches of the tourism industry. In Ireland sports such as angling, golf, cycling and hillwalking contribute in excess of €1 billion in tourism receipts each year. In fact, the 163,000 golf visitors who come to Ireland each year spend €1,200 on average per visit.

Economic Impact is often used as a reason for policy development or to justify initiatives designed to prime a sector. Set out below are some of the examples of how sporting events and programmes have had a positive impact on our economy in 2014. Sufficient evidence, we believe, that sport should be treated as a serious contributor to Ireland's economy and one that offers as yet considerable untapped potential.

IRFU estimate rugby generates €375 million in tourism receipts with 50% of that income coming from overseas visitors

99,000 people come to partake in equestrian activities each year generating €97 million in receipts for the Irish economy, generating 30,000 bednights

Coaching by the GAA generates a total of €54 million each year for the Irish economy – with each €1 they invest in coaching generating €12

Triathlon Ireland had 151 events between February & October right across the country in 2014

An Post Tour of Sligo delivered €450,000 into the local economy with more than 50% of participants being from outside Sligo

The International Skating Union held their bi-annual conference in Dublin contributing over €1 million to the Irish economy

20,000 US visitors attended the Croke Park Classic contributing €30 million to the local economy

€1.3bn – the value of sport related volunteering


€755m is generated each year by recreational angling with 150,000 visitors sustaining 10,000 jobs

CASE STUDY: PLAYING HOST TO THE WORLD

Irish Sporting success in 2014 was not limited to on-field victories. Ireland emerged on top from two significant international bidding processes winning the rights to hold UEFA Euro2020 matches and the World Amateur Golf Championships which will be played in Carton in 2018.

Dublin's Aviva Stadium will play host to three group games as well as 1 last 16 game after more than holding our own against stiff competition from cities right across Europe. Indeed, the Irish Bid was praised for its technical strength and no doubt benefitted from being put together by the same team that worked on the Europa League Final held in Dublin in 2011.

The World Amateur Golf Championships will see 500 of the World's best amateur golfers and a few thousand back up personnel and supporters descend on Carton House for two weeks in September 2018. It is likely that up to 80 teams from across the globe will take part over two weeks with the women's event being staged in the first week followed by the men's event. It is only the second time these Championships have been played in the UK or Ireland; St. Andrew's having staged the Championships in 1958.



Paul McGinley captained the European Team to victory in the Ryder Cup with

2 Irish Golfers playing a key role in the success

SPORT ENHANCING IRELAND'S REPUTATION WORLDWIDE

Sport has long been recognised for its ability to bring people together, to act as a force for inclusion, to foster relationships and to enhance the reputation of Ireland both here and overseas. Sport is something that can impact on all of Ireland's people.

Irish international teams and athletes compete in over 70 different countries across the globe each year. Building bridges and flying the flag for Ireland as they do. Consistency of performance and success on the world stage has also increased significantly in recent years with 241 medals won at all levels in the 2011-2014 quadrennial compared to 65 in the 2007-2010 period. Generating real pride for Ireland and the Irish all around the world.

The growth of the GAA overseas is a great example of this reality. With over 400 clubs worldwide, the international expansion is evidence of sport as a force in uniting Irish people no matter where they are in the world whilst introducing new communities to our national games. A GAA World Series cannot be far away.

89% of people feel that sport has a positive effect on the country's reputation

Over **400** clubs worldwide affiliated to the GAA

The nation cheered on the Women's Rugby Team as they became the first Irish rugby team to secure victory over New Zealand

Katie Taylor was crowned World Champion for the **5th** successive time

Rory McIlroy won the British & USPGA Championship

Ireland's rugby team win the **6 Nations Championship** & secure a clean sweep for only the second time in the Autumn Internationals

Michael McKillop & Jason Smyth winning **2** gold medals each at the IPC World Athletic Championships

Martyn Irvine & Ryan Mullen win silver medals at the World Cycling Championships

Mark English won bronze medal in the **800m** at the European Championships

Scott Evans won the Brazil Open Grand Prix in Badminton

Robert Hendrick won silver in the Canoeing C1 Slalom in the **Youth Olympic Games** in China

CASE STUDY: A LINK TO HOME

Irish media have featured many stories in recent times of how playing GAA overseas has provided a cherished link to home by those who have left these shores in recent times for better opportunities.

In one such feature, the Irish Times outlined the experience of some of the members of Eire Og Seville and in particular, Oisín Gregorian who has taken up gaelic games for the first time since moving to Spain to teach English as a foreign language. Oisín talks of the much needed social outlet and very welcome link to home provided by the GAA club.

Gaelic Games is not something you would normally associate with the Cayman Islands but Camana Bay is now home to a growing playing population. A strong Irish presence on this Caribbean Island has contributed to the development of the club but they are now joined by significant numbers of the non-Irish expat population who are drawn by the sport and the social outlet provided by the club's activities.



SPORT CHANGES LIVES

There are a total of **12,000** clubs in Ireland providing camaraderie, participation and competition

Sport has a positive impact on the lives of those who take part. It is not just health benefits that sport can deliver but also social lives and people's sense of belonging and even educational as well as professional attainment.

Sport is and should be non-exclusive. Real effort is being made to provide sporting opportunities for those whom traditionally may not have had as much access to sport as they should have. Sport is something that can impact on all of Ireland's people.

In the UK, it has been found that young people's participation in sport improves their numeracy scores by 8% on average above non-participants whilst underachieving young people who take part in sport see a 29% increase in numeracy skills and a 12-16% rise in other transferable skills. Sport can change lives.

59% of participants and 53% of volunteers in sport socialise regularly with fellow participants

84% of highly active people report feeling happy most of the time compared to 75% of sedentary people

Sports participation is associated with earnings increases of more than 10% for both male and female participants

61% of women over 65 who participate in sport do so to spend time with friends and family

Young people can reduce their risk of leaving school without any qualifications by 12.75% by participating in a sport for development project

85,000 people participated in FAI Social inclusion programmes last year

70% of participants say meeting people is a reason for playing sport

Garda call out rates dropped by 49% during the six week period of the FAI midnight leagues

89% of people believe that sport has a positive effect on the country's reputation

Returns on investment in sports programmes in the UK for at-risk youth are estimated at £7.35 of social benefit for every £1 spent

CASE STUDY: CANOEING IRELAND - FROM YOUTH AT RISK TO INSTRUCTORS

Canoeing Ireland was one of five recipients of the Coca-Cola Thank You Fund in 2014 which recognises programmes which seek to assist people in incorporating physical activity into their daily lives.

Canoeing Ireland's winning proposal will see them work with up to 25 at risk youths, identified through pre-existing relationships with community groups, to train them to be canoe instructors. Not only will the new instructors emerge from the programme with a qualification and earning potential, it is hoped that they will be best placed to deliver future youth at risk problems.

All participants on the programme will also partake in a crossing of the Irish Sea designed to heighten the sense of accomplishment and build real self-confidence.

MEMBERS SUCCESS STORIES

CREATING A RETURN ON THE TAXPAYERS INVESTMENT

Note: Total Irish Sports Council (ISC) Funding includes Core Grant Funding, High Performance Funding, Direct Athlete Funding and Women in Sport Funding, please refer to ISC website for a detailed breakdown www.irishsportsCouncil.ie



NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES

Angling Council of Ireland
www.anglingCouncil.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €14,500
PARTICIPANTS: 9,000
CLUBS: 200

Highlight of 2014

Hosting World Feeder Fishing Championships on a recently opened custom designed fishery in Coachford, Co Cork. The silver medal finish for Team Ireland was the icing on the cake. Gold medal finishes for Junior and Ladies sea anglers and for our game anglers in home internationals complemented our world championship result.

Key Objective 2015

Successfully hosting 2 world championships. Boat fishing off the Donegal coast and Predator fishing in Craigavon lakes will be the focus points for 2015. Angling for Youth Development Ireland (AFYDI) will roll out our coaching programme in 20 locations around Ireland. We look forward to 1000's of young novice anglers getting touched by the passion for angling.

Archery Ireland
www.archery.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €11,500
PARTICIPANTS: 4,300
CLUBS: 42

Highlight of 2014

In the 2013 World Championship held in Antalya, Turkey, archer Mel Lawton shooting in the ladies compound section came 8th which is the highest place ever achieved by an Irish archer in this category. While at the same event and in his 11th World Championship, archer Keith Hanlon came 11th in the gents recurve section. This is another highest standard achieved by an Irish archer in this category.

Athletics Association of Ireland
www.athleticsireland.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €1,894,000
PARTICIPANTS: 54,000
CLUBS: 319

Highlight of 2014

Membership continues to grow across all age groups and has grown from 29,682 in 2009 to 54,000 this year. This has been achieved through the work of the volunteers and professional staff working in partnership. The Fit4Life initiative has resulted in a significant increase in female membership and the female to male ratio is now 55/45. While we continue to prioritise our club activities we also have focused on both organising own-managed events and partnering with other organisations in road-running which is bringing more people into the sport of athletics and also raising revenue for AI to invest back into developing our sport. We had a successful European Championships with Mark English winning the bronze medal in the 800 metres, Paul Robinson placing 4th in the 1,500 metres and both the men's 4x 400 metres and the women's 4x 100 metres breaking Irish records.

Key Objective for 2015

We plan to continue the growth of membership and clubs in 2015 as well as mass participation events. The development of Coaches and Officials will be a key part of achieving our growth. The national cross-country and track and field programmes will continue to be a primary focus in Juvenile, Junior, Under 23, Senior and Masters. International competitions include- the European Indoors, European Team Championships and World Championships, the World University Games, World Youths, EYOF, European Juniors. Working with the Irish Sports Council and the Institute of Sport we will continue to support our HP athletes. We will also focus on Code of Ethics and Child Safeguarding.

Australian Rules Football League of Ireland
www.arfli.com
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: NONE
PARTICIPATION: 380
CLUBS: 11

Highlight of 2014

Our National teams attended the AFL International Cup in Melbourne. Both men and women had won the previous edition, this time they lost Grand Finals to the same teams they had beaten in 2011, Papua New Guinea(Men) and Canada(Women). This was the first time that Irish teams had made successive grand finals.

Key Objective for 2015

Key objective for next year is to sustain the senior clubs and increase the number of college/third level clubs.

Badminton Ireland
www.badmintonireland.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €480,734
PARTICIPANTS: 58,808
CLUBS: 393

Highlight of 2014

Scott Evans won the Brazil Open Grand Prix and had 3 runner-up finishes in singles events whilst Chloe and Sam Magee won the Hellas Open Mixed Doubles as well having a number of runner-up finishes. There was also a bronze for Joshua Magee in the Brazil Open Grand Prix Men's Doubles with Rachel Darragh and Sara Boyle both showing promise for the future at U19s level. 32 new clubs were established and 50,000 children are playing in schools as part of the Badminton Ireland Shuttle Time course.

Key Objective for 2015

At High Performance level we would like to win a medal at the European Junior Championships as well as Grand Prix and European Mixed Team Championships. We would also like to qualify for Baku 2015 and target a medal whilst also being in a position to qualify for Rio by the end of 2015. In terms of grassroots we will look to grow the existing base and continue to deliver quality programmes.

Basketball Ireland
www.basketballireland.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €682,000
PARTICIPANTS: 44,250
CLUBS: 223

Highlight of 2014

Undoubtedly the highlight was the qualification of our Senior Women 3x3 team through the European Championship and into the first European Games in Baku in 2015 under the Olympic flag. This will be the first time an Irish basketball team has participated in an Olympic event since 1948 and the first time we have ever qualified, as the 1948 participation was by invitation. Another highlight was the second successive sell-out event of our National Cup Final weekend which threw up a fantastic Senior Women's Final that was only settled in overtime. We were delighted to have the Minister for Sport Michael Ring on hand to witness the excitement.

Key Objective for 2015

We have several key objectives – to build on the 3x3 success by increasing participation in this version of the game at all levels; to enter teams in 3x3 internationally at Under 18 as well as Senior; to build on the increasing media interest in the sport across the country; to drive forward continuing initiatives in Women-in-Sport and Mini-basketball; to re-enter our Senior Men and Women in to international competition after a gap of 6 years.

Baton Twirling Association of Ireland
www.btsai.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €14,443
PARTICIPANTS: 712
CLUBS: 21

Highlight of 2014

We had 3 clubs represent Ireland at a WBTF worlds championships in Nottingham. Out of 20 competing countries Ireland was placed in 10th position. At European Cup in Germany we took the silver medal in the Junior Men division. Another of our athletes travelled to the NBTA World Championships in Belgium and placed 6th out of 15 participation countries. We feel that as a minority sport with very limited facilities we are making very steady progress in our sport.

Key Objective for 2015

We hope to have several clubs travel to the WBTF International Cup in Vancouver in Canada. Generally our athletes perform very well at this event and bring home medals. There is also the possibility for our athletes to enter European Championships in Slovenia and NBTA European Championships in Italy.

Bol Chumann na hEireann
www.irishroadbowling.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €17,460
PARTICIPANTS: 2,235
CLUBS: 67, PLUS 9 SOCIAL CLUBS

Highlight of 2014

All-Ireland championship series (4 events) in counties Cork (2), Armagh and Mayo covering all levels from U12s to Seniors. The King and Queen of the Roads competitions in Ballincurragh, the fundraising drive for the Arena, the visit of the Dutch road bowling party and both Mariead O'Driscoll and James Buckley being honoured with awards.

Key Objective for 2015

To maintain club and player membership and reintroduce the sport in regions where it used to flourish; commence initial preparations of teams for the 14th European championships to be held in Holland; keep safety measures as a top priority with constant interaction with clubs; bringing the Arena project in Dunmanway to fruition; maintain youth involvement in all regions with more under-age activity and more competitions

Bowling League of Ireland

www.irishlawnbowls.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €23,361

PARTICIPANTS: 24,000

CLUBS: 29

Highlight of 2014

A team of 4 from St James's Gate Bowling Club made it to the British Isles Bowls Council (BIBC) finals where they beat England in the semi-final but unfortunately lost to Wales in the final. However one member of that team has made it through to next years under 25's singles final and we have great hopes for a victory next year. It is great to see our younger members doing so well.

Key Objective 2015

Our key objective for the year is to promote the game of lawn bowls to a wider audience. In particular to encourage young people to take up the sport. To this end we have set up a youth development Committee who will commence implementing their plans in the coming year.

Camogie Association

www.camogie.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €378,519

PARTICIPANTS: 100,000

Highlight of 2014

Cork's achievement in winning its 25th All Ireland senior title in an outstanding game, Limerick's success in winning their first Minor All Ireland title along with Intermediate and Junior A titles and Down's win in Liberty Insurance All Ireland Premier Junior Final were key highlights. The success of the inaugural Our Game Your Game marketing campaign which used dramatic and impactful photography with strong narrative to profile our leading players was also a key highlight.

Key Objective 2015

Commence the development of a new national

development strategy; promote greater camogie participation in urban centres and greater numbers of teenagers playing Camogie.

Canoeing Ireland

www.canoe.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €359,000

PARTICIPANTS: 3,500

CLUBS: 65

Highlight of 2014

The International Liffey Descent which is a World ranked race had over 800 participants. The Club Championships in Kilkenny had over 300 participants. The event was so well received by the Canoeing Fraternity that we will run it in a new location in 2015. Paddlefest, Junior Paddlefest & Cranafest are combined training racing extravaganzas aimed at adults and junior paddlers over a two day period and incorporate all the disciplines. The Junior Paddlefest is now the largest multi canoe discipline weekend in Europe. With Sports Capital funding Canoeing Ireland built a 500 meter white water course on the River Liffey. Liam Jegou won silver in Junior Men's C1 at the ICF Slalom Junior World Championships in Penrith, Australia. Robert Hendrick won silver while racing C1 Obstacle Slalom men category while at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China.

Key Objective 2015

Canoeing Ireland are heavily involved with the research and implementation of the Irish Blueway system that are currently being rolled out across rivers, lakes and sea areas around Ireland. Continued growth of the International Liffey Descent with the focus on increasing the amount of world class racers competing. Continued focus on our Junior High Performance Squads in both Slalom and Sprint. Roll out of our Instructors Training Programme for disadvantaged youths. Secure qualification for the 2016 Olympic Games at World Championships.

Cerebral Palsy Sport Ireland

www.cpsi.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €53,496

PARTICIPANTS: 150

Highlight of 2014

4th place finish at the European Football Championships in July whilst also successfully hosting the Home Nations Championships in Castlebar, the first time it has travelled outside Dublin.

Key Objective for 2015

Increase participation across all sports at grassroots level, whilst competing at the 2015 World Football Championships as well as the CPISRA World Games in Nottingham where 15 athletes will represent Ireland in athletics and swimming.

Cricket Ireland

www.cricketireland.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €462,394

PARTICIPANTS: 43,838

Highlight of 2014

The highlight was beating two Test countries (West Indies and Zimbabwe) in official internationals away from home in the space of just a few weeks earlier this year. Later in the year, we swept the board winning 6 out of 6 competitions at women's and youth level in European competitions.

Key Objective 2015

The key objective is to reach at least the quarter final stage of the Cricket World Cup to be played in Australia and New Zealand in February/March. Thereafter, we shall be looking to make a winning start in our challenge to be the next Test nation by winning the opening matches in the next edition of the ICC Intercontinental Cup.

Croquet Association of Ireland

www.croquetireland.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €5,472

PARTICIPANTS: 300

CLUBS: 10

Highlight of 2014

The progress of croquet continues quietly with new clubs and facilities in North Dublin and Down. Ireland hosted division 2 of the World Team Championship, and won it. Four players will play in the Golf Croquet World Championship in New Zealand in February next, and one in the Women's Worlds. We have 3 players in the World Top 30.

Key Objective 2015

The focus in 2015 will be on new competitive events for all levels of players: a new golf croquet league, an inter-Counties tournament (entries from 'new' counties welcome), a Universities' tournament. Research on applying croquet on artificial multi-sport pitches will be a priority.

Cycling Ireland

www.cyclingireland.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €586,105

PARTICIPANTS: 23,000

CLUBS: 398

Highlight of 2014

In 2014 Cycling Ireland experienced a 21% growth in membership, and an increase in the number of clubs and events nationwide. Our coaching pathway has grown significantly, with 570 coaches completing courses this year and on the High Performance side we have had an outstanding year, with World Championships Medals being won across all our disciplines. Last year Ireland hosted two major International Events; the Giro d'Italia and the

European MTB Marathon Championships, attracting top riders to Ireland.

Key Objective 2015

In 2015 we are implementing the new Cycling Ireland Strategy, which will see the organisation's strategic goals focus on Sport Development, High Performance, the development of leisure cycling, the creation of an efficient and effective governance structure. We also aim to be recognised for our role in the promotion of cycling as a safe and enjoyable recreational and transport activity.

Deaf Sports Ireland

www.deafsportsireland.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €61,196

PARTICIPANTS: 158

Highlight of 2014

The Irish Deaf Men's Football team qualified for the European Deaf Football Championship held in Germany in 2015 after drawing 1-1 with France and beating 14-0 against Norway this year. Seven Irish Deaf women swam across the English Channel in an impressive time of 14 hours 10 minutes and 44 seconds, becoming the first Deaf relay team in the world to do so.

Key Objective 2015

We hope that the men's football team will be able to get into the top eight at the European Deaf Football Championship in Germany (2015) so that they can be qualified to play for the Deaflympics in 2017 and we hope to introduce new sports for the Deaf community; such as Tag Rugby, Table Tennis and Archery.

DIT Sport and Recreation

www.ditsports.ie

Highlight of 2014

Construction of our new sporting facilities in Grangegorman Campus- the new home of DIT. Won the Badminton Intervarsity Plate Competition. Sean Feeney came 1st overall in the 2014 Biking Blitz Student Championships.

Key Objective 2015

Continue to support our sports clubs, to attract new members, compete and train at the highest levels - our clubs are seeing increased demand and participation with the same budgets. See some of our students selected for international representation - qualify for Rio Olympics, be selected on World University Games and Championships teams. Grow participation in recreational activity - through the appointment of a Health Promotion and Physical Activity Assistant (Internship). Construct all weather floodlit playing pitch in Broombridge - to house our outdoor field sports teams. Finalise plans for the construction of the Indoor sports facilities in Grangegorman. Achieve healthy Campus Status in DIT.

Football Association of Ireland

www.fai.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **€3,350,674**

PARTICIPANTS: **450,000**

CLUBS: **3,000**

Highlight of 2014

2014 was an important year for the Association in laying groundwork for the future thanks to our successful bid to host UEFA EURO 2020. At underage level, the success of our teams in qualifying for elite phases bodes well for the future. In particular the success of our women's teams and the higher profile they achieved last year has been of great benefit to the women's game nationally.

Key Objective for 2015

2015 looks set to be a very exciting year for Irish football with home games in store against Poland, England, Scotland, Georgia and Germany as Martin O'Neill continues his quest to qualify for France in 2016. It will also be a very important year for the future direction of Irish football due to the roll out of important youth development plans, setting out the best way for the game to be coached and developed to nurture the coming generation of elite players. The launch of a new National U-17 League in August 2015 will reinforce the elite player pathway, providing stronger connections with the SSE Airtricity U-19 League and our domestic top flight. Combined with improvements to the Emerging Talent Programme and the opening of the National Academy pitches in Abbotstown, it is set to be an intense and exciting period in our development.

GAA Handball

www.gaahandball.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **€105,051**

PARTICIPATION: **15,471**

CLUBS: **225**

Highlight of 2014

GAA Handball has seen a huge increase in the number of schools taking up the sport of Handball and installing One Wall walls in their schools. The standard of our games continue to rise and the quality on show at our Juvenile Nationals and at our Juvenile All Ireland Finals was exemplary. At Senior Level our top players continue to dominate the sport globally with wins in the US this year for Catriona Casey, Robbie McCarthy and Paul Brady.

Key Objective for 2015

In 2015 the World Handball Championships will be held in Calgary, Canada. GAA Handball will send an elite team to compete in the World Championships with a view to winning a number of titles. Defending champions Antrim's Aisling Reilly and Cavan's Paul Brady will look to win their second and fifth World titles respectively in the Open grade. On the domestic front our key objective is to continue to grow the Sport and to achieve greater exposure in the media for our elite athletes

Gaelic Athletic Association

www.gaa.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **€2,409,652**

PARTICIPATION: **506,537 MEMBERS; 330,892 PLAYERS**

CLUBS: **2,026 (NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY)**

Highlight of 2014

Further to a comprehensive review of the Féile Competitions a changed format was introduced for 2014. In a new departure, a series of Regional and Provincial Féile Competitions were also held on the same weekends as the National Féile Competitions resulting in a 40% increase in the number of clubs and players participating in Féile na nGael and Féile na nÓg with almost 15,000 players taking part in 977 games over two separate weekends.

Key Objective for 2015

To further embed the GAA Grassroots to National Programme (GNP) to maximise participation, optimise skill development and provide enhanced learning opportunities in an efficient and effective manner.

Golfing Union of Ireland

www.gui.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **€265,000**

PARTICIPATION: **151,635**

CLUBS: **423**

Highlight of 2014

The Senior Team finished in 2nd place at the European Team Championships after overcoming Germany and England in the match play stages before losing to an extremely strong Spanish team in the Final. The Team also performed excellently at the Home Internationals, emerging victorious for the first time since 2008 following a clean sweep of wins over England, Scotland and Wales.

Key Objective for 2015

The Key Objective for the GUI in 2015 is to complete the Strategic Review of the organisation and to then draw up a proposal regarding the current governance model and proposed changes to be implemented. The Union will then look to implement these recommendations and will continue to strive for excellence of governance.

Gymnastics Ireland

www.gymnasticsireland.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **€324,265**

PARTICIPATION: **14,000**

CLUBS: **92**

Highlight of 2014

In May 2014 at the European Championships Gymnastics Ireland secured qualification for a full team of Men & Women for the 2015 European Games. 14 year old Casey Bell also made history for Ireland at the 2014 European

Junior Championships by becoming Ireland's first gymnast to qualify for an all-around final breaking into a select group of elite European gymnasts who show huge promise for the future.

Key Objective for 2015

Internationally: Qualify from the 2015 World Championships to the 2016 Rio Test Event – the final stage of qualification for the 2016 Olympic Games. Nationally: Roll out our new national events programme including revamped qualifiers & National Championships in addition to new participation events.

Horse Sport Ireland

www.horsesportireland.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **€1,281,191**

AFFILIATES: **25**

Highlight of 2014

Irish Pony Showjumping Team wins Silver at European Championships, Susan Fitzpatrick wins Individual Bronze. Irish Junior Eventing Team wins Gold at European Championships, Cathal Daniels wins Individual Silver. Irish Eventing Team gain qualification for 2016 Olympic Games at World Equestrian Games. Michael G Duffy part of Gold medal winning European Team at the Youth Olympic Games. Irish Young Riders Eventing Team wins Silver medal at European Championship, Elizabeth Hayden wins Individual Bronze medal. Bertram Allen finishes seventh in individual Showjumping final at WEG, Darragh Kenny finishes individual twelfth.

Key Objective for 2015

Senior Eventing: Achieve a least 10 MER qualified combinations for Rio 2016. Senior Showjumping European Championships: Top three placing from amongst those not already qualified for Rio thus securing Olympic Qualification. Continue underage medal success.

Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Ireland

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **€3,700**

PARTICIPANTS: **704**

CLUBS: **55**

Ice Skating Association of Ireland

www.isai.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **NONE**

PARTICIPATION: **200**

Highlight of 2014

In June 2014 the ISAI and Dublin become the focus of International Skating as the ISAI hosted the International Skating Union bi annual Congress in Dublin. The event saw the 400 strong delegates from all quarters of the world converge on Dublin to contribute over €1million to the Irish economy under Sport Tourism. 500,000

members of the public participating in recreational ice skating.

Key Objective for 2015

Establish sustainable Ice Facilities for all Ice Sports in Ireland.

Ireland Lacrosse

www.irelandlacrosse.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **NONE**

PARTICIPATION: **250**

CLUBS: **8**

Highlight of 2014

In 2013-2014 the Irish Lacrosse League season entered its 5th year of competition, whilst in July the Irish men's team competed in the 2014 FIL Men's World Championships in Denver, Colorado, USA, finishing in 10th place.

Key Objective for 2015

In 2014-2015 the league enters its 6th year, with new clubs in Dublin, Belfast, Waterford and Carlow. Ireland Lacrosse is a new member of the Federation of Irish Sport and is drafting its application for formal recognition as a national governing body for the Irish Sports Council. In August the Irish women's team will compete in the ELF Women's European Championships and in September the Irish men's indoor team will compete in the FIL World Indoor Championships in New York.

Irish Amateur Boxing Association

www.iaba.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: **€1,222,296**

PARTICIPATION: **16,500**

CLUBS: **376**

Highlight of 2014

Katie Taylor winning her fifth World title and sixth European and European Union Elite titles. David Oliver Joyce winning his 3rd successive European and European Union Elite lightweight titles. Ciara Ginty secured silver and Michael Gallagher won a bronze medal at the Youth Olympics in China. Overall, 30 medals were won by Irish boxers in European Elite, Youth, Junior, Schoolboy and Olympic Youth competition in 2014.

Key Objective for 2015

Top priority for the year ahead is to gain qualification for our senior elite boxing athletes to the 2016 Rio Olympics. The IABA will also be looking to further develop its underage boxers, providing the necessary training and support structure which will enable them to succeed at the highest level. The IABA continues to be focussed on further promoting and fostering the brand of boxing in Ireland and increasing its membership base. It remains firmly committed to its on-going pursuit towards better corporate governance.

Irish Amateur Wrestling Association

www.irishwrestling.org

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €14,762

CLUBS: 25

Highlight of 2014

Two of our wrestlers qualified for the first 2015 European Games in Baku; Alex Dolly 84kg and Soslan Tuhev 74Kg. Soslan finished 2nd in the Aspull International.

Key Objective for 2015

Our two wrestlers will be competing in in Baku in June. Along with our Level 1 Coaching Cert in January and November 2015, we will be rolling out our Level 2 Coaching Certificate to existing Coaches. We are also looking to increase our individual membership by a further 30% and our club membership by 20%. We are also looking to increase the number of International Teams coming to the Irish Open.

Irish Fencing Federation

www.irishfencing.net

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €25,011

PARTICIPANTS: 1,300

CLUBS: 21

Highlight of 2014

Ireland competed at the Cadet/Junior European Championships in Jerusalem, Israel, the Cadet/Junior World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, the Senior European Championships in Strasbourg, France and Senior World Championships in Kazan, Russia. Ireland hosts FIE International Men's Epee Satellite event with 59 competitors from 16 countries in UCD, Belfield.

Key Objective for 2015

To put a greater focus on building up Junior Fencing in Ireland and we hope to qualify athletes for Baku European Games.

Irish American Football Association

www.americanfootball.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €26,020

PARTICIPANTS: €2,300

CLUBS: 21

Highlight of 2014

While the success of the recent Croke Park Classic game is the most visible highlight, the advancement of our domestic league is the most significant achievement of 2014. A record 19 clubs played a full league schedule including 4 new clubs. The standard of play in our top division - the Shamrock Bowl Conference - improved significantly with 2014 being regarded as the most competitive season in the sports 28 year history in Ireland.

Key Objective for 2015

To expand participation in the sport through a number of new initiatives to get people involved at all levels of the sport. We hope to increase participation across multiple demographics including underage and adult, male and female, elite and recreational athletes. Expanding the capabilities of our clubs will be the key to achieving this objective.

Irish Clay Pigeon Shooting Association

www.icpsa.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €34,200

PARTICIPANTS: 600

CLUBS: 23

Highlight of 2014

Gold medal at the ISSF World Championships in Granada in the Junior Trap event. Ian O'Sullivan from Limerick competing in his first world championships.

Key Objective for 2015

Increase membership and participation. Success at the Baku Games. Qualification for Rio 2016.

Irish Cheer Sport Association

www.irishcheersport.wix.com

NUMBER OF CLUBS: 9

Irish Indoor Bowling Association

www.iiba.co.uk

PARTICIPANTS: 5,000

CLUBS: 200

Irish Flying Disc Association

www.irishultimate.com

PARTICIPANTS: 1,000

CLUBS: 32

Highlight of 2014

More and more schools are also beginning to play, particularly in PE classes. We sent two Ultimate clubs to the World Ultimate Club Championships in Lecco Italy. One of these clubs, Ranelagh, won the Spirit of the Game award for the tournament, which is our sport's greatest honour. We also sent 3 teams to the World Junior Ultimate Championships in Italy.

Key Objective for 2015

We are opening our first Disc Golf course in Wicklow.

Irish Hockey Association

www.hockey.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €673,313

PARTICIPANTS: 144,523

CLUBS: 145

Highlight of 2014

Both men's and women's National Squads are ranked 15th in the world and are on track for 2016 Olympic qualification. Both teams have performed well above their rankings over the last 12 months including wins against top teams in the world. The Women won silver in the Champions Challenge beating five countries positioned above them in the world rankings. The men have triumphed over England (world ranking 5th); South Africa (12th) and Japan (14th).

Key Objective for 2015

Making history by qualifying two hockey teams for the Olympics in 2016. This would be the first time Ireland has qualified a hockey team for the Olympics which would have a massive impact on all areas of our sport. Both teams will kick off Olympic qualification in World League 2 in March 2015. Irish Hockey is honoured to host the women's event in Dublin whilst the men travel to the USA.

Irish Ice Hockey Association

www.iiha.org

PARTICIPANTS: 250

CLUBS: 6

Highlight of 2014

On August 30th, 2014, the IIHA played in a charity game in Dundonald, Belfast. The IIHA all-stars played against the NI all-stars to help raise funds for a severely autistic boy from Belfast. There was several thousand pounds raised on the night. It was a great night for all involved. The NI all-stars taking the bragging rights with a 4-2 victory.

Key Objective for 2015

We have three main objectives for the year 2015. First, we hope to open a facility as there is currently none in Ireland. Second, we will be applying for membership with the Sports Council. We feel confident that we will meet their requirements. Lastly, we will be working to expand on our cross border relationship with Ice Hockey NI.

Irish Inline Hockey

www.inlinehockey.org

PARTICIPANTS: 500

CLUBS: 23

Highlight of 2014

There were 220 scheduled senior games within leagues and cups and 8 tournaments between Junior and Seniors levels. The Hibernia Cup was launched with the top two Senior teams from both the North and South competed in a playoff tournament to determine the best Senior Team on the Island, this was won by the Northern Cyclones, with Galway Pitbulls placing second. We currently have 20 juniors from Bangor, Belfast, Dundalk, Athlone and Cork. Since its creation the program has competed in the NIHA U14's and U16's league cup winning them both, one cup resides in Dundalk the other is in Cork.

Key objective 2015

In 2015, Irish Inline Hockey would like to get recognised by the Irish Sports Council. Further to this we want to add four new clubs to the existing 23 and grow the game particularly in Castlebar and West Cork. There has been a significant increase in ladies participation and we would also like to see that to continue to grow.

Irish Judo Association

www.irishjudoassociation.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €108,316

PARTICIPANTS: 1,966

CLUBS: 45

Highlight of 2014

The IJA Emerging Talent Programme (ETP) was approved within the National Squad Programme 2014 - 2016, this will be an Athlete centred programme firstly identifying talent through results and talent ID screening and then delivering to our emerging talents world class technical coaching aimed at Pre Cadets & Cadets (age 12-16). It will be responsible for educating the athletes in best practice principals in athlete supports and will work closely with Irish Institute of Sport with this regard. The ETP will be set around a training camp model where our athletes can spend the optimum time with the National Coaching Staff in a professional training environment. Funding is from the National Squad Programme funded by the IJA & via player contributions & is separate to High Performance.

Key Objective for 2015

Full Constitutional Review to be undertaken in 2015, IJA to take draft document to all stakeholders in advance of an EGM to incorporate the new Governance Code to ensure legal responsibilities are met, to incorporate new IJF International Statutes & to clearly define rules, regulations & structure of Organisation with a view to prevent stagnation of NGB and ensure a viable organisation going forward.

Irish Kidney Association – Sport

www.ika.ie

PARTICIPANTS: 100

CLUBS: 1

Highlight of 2014

In August, our largest ever travelling team represented Ireland at the 8th European Transplant & Dialysis Sports Championships in Krakow, Poland. Ireland finished 3rd on the medal table out of 22 countries. Our Team Manager, Colin White, was elected to the Presidential Committee of the European Transplant & Dialysis Sports Federation and will serve as Secretary of the Federation for the next 4 years.

Key Objective for 2015

In 2015 we are planning to enter teams for the British Transplant Games in Gateshead, England and the World Transplant Games in Mar Del Plata, Argentina. Through

working with partner organisations we will be placing particular focus on developing our under 18's sports programme in 2015.

Irish Ladies Golf Union

www.ilgu.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €166,930

PARTICIPANTS: 42,000

CLUBS: 394

Highlight of 2014

In 2014 Stephanie Meadow certainly showcased what can be achieved through hard work and dedication. Placed 4th in the World Amateur Golf Rankings, she was chosen to represent Great Britain and Ireland at the Curtis Cup. She then turned professional in June 2014 and made an incredible debut at the Women's US Open at Pinehurst. Following on from this, she finished third in the ISPS HANDA Ladies European Masters in July. Stephanie made a seamless transition from amateur to professional and is a wonderful ambassador for Irish Ladies Golf.

Key Objective for 2015

The ILGU has several sports objectives for 2015. Our main areas of focus will be on the continuous development and implementation of a robust high performance plan for our elite players, growing the number of females joining clubs, effectively running all national tournaments and championships and supporting golf clubs in their development.

Irish Martial Arts Commission

www.martialarts.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €31,442

PARTICIPANTS: 20,000

AFFILIATE NGBS: 11

Irish Olympic Handball Association

www.olympichandball.org

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €34,641

PARTICIPATION: 5,087

CLUBS: 10

Highlight of 2014

A very exciting league final between Astra HC and Dublin International HC, which saw DIHC beat 2013 winner's Astra by 2 goals. Our U20 men's squad travelled to Andorra in May to compete in the International Handball Federation Challenge Trophy. The team were missing some key players however the team performed really well and finished 7th. Finally in September the IOHA hosted the European Handball Federations 12th Congress, there was over 200 delegates in attendance from the over 52 European Handball Nations. The Congress was opened by our new Minister for Sport, Mr. Paschal Donohoe.

Key Objective for 2015

Our key objectives for the coming year is the implementation of an ISP (Infrastructure Programme) that the EHF are funding to introduce handball to 3

rapid areas in Dublin: mainly Fingal Co,Co and DLR.

We are also planning to introduce a "Transition Year Handball Program" which focuses on the promotion and organisation of IOHA competitions and events in Primary and Secondary Schools. These will be encouraged to link up with afterschool activities and local handball clubs.

Irish Orienteering Association

www.orienteering.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €44,670

PARTICIPANTS: 3,000

CLUBS: 19

Highlight of 2014

Increased participation and in particular among school children; Irish team moving up a division at international level; and Marcus Pinker of Cork Orienteering achieving 3rd place in the World Masters in both the Long and the Sprint Distance.

Key Objective for 2015

Increase participation at all levels; strengthen the foundations; and improve performance at National and International Level.

Irish Rugby Football Union

www.irishrugby.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €2,600,000

PARTICIPANTS: 180,000

CLUBS: 223

Highlight of 2014

The past season has been a successful one for Irish Rugby with our men's senior teams winning the RBS 6 Nations, our women overcoming New Zealand to finish fourth in the Rugby World Cup and our U-20s finishing fourth in the Junior World Championships. Domestically, a new name was added to the list of winners of the Ulster Bank All Ireland League on Clontarf secured the coveted title for the first time. In an emotionally charged Aviva stadium Irish fans thanked Brian O'Driscoll as he brought his rugby career to a close.

Key Objective for 2015

The success of our teams continues to promote our game and with the defence of the RBS 6 Nations title and a Rugby World Cup to look forward to the Irish Rugby Football Union looks forward to celebrating and promoting all that is good in our game, from grassroots to international success.

Irish Sailing Association

www.sailing.ie

ISC TOTAL FUNDING: €1,130,890

PARTICIPANTS: 19,500

CLUB NUMBERS: 70

Highlight of 2014

Qualifying three boats for the Olympics in Rio 2016.

Irish Surfing Association

www.isasurf.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €75,500

PARTICIPANTS: 1,059

CLUBS: 16

Highlight of 2014

The year will be remembered for its violent early season storms, with the Clare and Kerry coasts bearing the brunt of destruction while other parts of the coast enjoyed all time surfing conditions. The Irish Junior Surf Team had a strong performance at the European Junior Surfing Championships held in the Azores, finishing 5th overall out of 15 nations, with Gearoid McDaid on the podium finishing 4th in the U18 Boys.

Key Objective for 2015

Surfing for young people will be our main focus for 2015, we will be supporting our clubs to get more young people into surfing and building coaching structures to support juniors development from club to national level while chasing financial support to fund our junior and senior teams competing internationally. We will be aiming to grow our membership by offering improved benefits and activities attracting the wider surfing community.

Irish Squash

www.irishsquash.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €155,000

PARTICIPANTS: 2,458

CLUBS: 100

Highlight of 2014

Our Senior Women's team coming 4th in the European Championships last May in Italy, despite losing World number 10 Madeline Perry to injury in the championships. The men's team came 4th in Division 2 in the European Championships. Looking to the future, the U19's team came 6th in the European Championships. In the World Junior Championships in Namibia last August, the team came 7th and were the 3rd best European nation; a super result! Three of the team have now gone on Squash scholarships to the US with David Ryan attending Harvard.

Key Objective for 2015

The new strategic plan for the next 4 years was launched in June with a key objective being to engage more with clubs on the ground and be a supportive NGB to the Squash community on the island. Helping in very practical ways, sharing good ideas and tools to aid growth in participation and fun squash. Alongside this, being an NGB that continues to nurture and support Squash players to the highest levels and that provides opportunities for coaching and competition for all.

Irish Table Tennis Association

www.irishtabletennis.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €157,290

PARTICIPANTS: 3,250

CLUBS: 100

Highlight of 2014

Highlight has been continued development of our schools and Women in Sport participation projects. We continue to focus on growing our playing numbers and building a strong base for the sport.

Key Objective for 2015

Focus on building a strong club development and support programme. We are also hosting the Senior 6 Nations 2015 in November, a major international event.

Irish Taekwondo Union

www.taekwondoireland.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €44,700

PARTICIPANTS: 1,500

CLUBS: 56

Highlight of 2014

Our Sports highlight was the All Ireland International Taekwondo Open that the ITU hosted in September which was a joint effort with our Northern Ireland counterparts. The event saw close to 500 entrants in Sparring and technical disciplines from Scotland, England, Spain, France and Northern Ireland. Also Ireland's Jack Woolley winning a gold Medal in the Croatian Open Taekwondo tournament in November.

Key Objective for 2015

Our key objective, after a period of rebuilding in the last few years, is to achieve results in the World Championships, qualify for the European games in Baku and ultimately be able to send a strong team to the European Olympic qualification tournament which will be held at the end of 2015. Our ultimate goal is qualification for Rio 2016

Irish Ten Pin Bowling Association

www.tenpinireland.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €24,625

PARTICIPANTS: 1,847

CLUBS: 16

Highlight of 2014

Fantastic wins by Ireland's youth bowlers, Aidan Byrne at the Youth Euro Trophy (YET) 2014 finals in Reims and Chris Sloan at the 5th Dubai International Youth Open. Senior bowler, Yvonne Randell, who made history in July by winning Ireland's first ever European Seniors Championships gold medal in Finland. Repeating the FREE Tenpin Bowling Week for Schools in November where up to 20,000 school children will experience the sport in 30 centres throughout Ireland.

Key Objective for 2015

To complete our youth National Development Program and to re-brand Tenpin Bowling in Ireland by building on the success of the 'Bowling for All' theme, promoting our 2020 Vision: To complete our youth National Development Program and to re-brand Tenpin Bowling in Ireland by building on the success of the 'Bowling for All' theme,

promoting our 2020 Vision: “Bowling will be recognised as a healthy and clean sporting and recreational activity that is family oriented, spanning the generations and caters for able-bodied and people with a disability alike.”

Irish Tug-of-War Association

www.irishtugofwar.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €21,304

PARTICIPANTS: 700

CLUBS: 42

Highlight of 2014

2014 was a busy year for the Association. We hosted the World Indoor Championships in Castlebar in February and secured a number of medals including a gold for Clonmany from Donegal. We have adopted a post primary schools project which we are currently developing the material for. We have begun a development squad for men which will be used as a way of improving the standard of our men's teams. Our ladies development is on-going and the highlight of this was a silver medal for our ladies squad at the UK championships in Belfast last August. Our youth's development continued and culminated in a gold medal for our squad at the UK championships while also sent two teams to the GENSB games in England.

Key Objective for 2015

2015 sees the European Championships coming to Belfast in August. Preparations are already underway to ensuring that all our men's, women's and youths teams are prepared to the highest possible level. We are planning to roll out our new post primary schools project in 2015 with a view to raising awareness and participation levels for our sport in the future.

Irish Underwater Council

www.diving.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €62,567

PARTICIPANTS: 2,115

CLUBS: 73

Highlight of 2014

The Blueway water trails were launched in June 2014 by Minister of State for Tourism and Sport Michael Ring TD. The initiative designed and created by Laura Taylor, our Sports Development Officer, is growing from strength to strength. The new initiative complements the Wild Atlantic Way and will encourage people to actively discover Ireland's amazing coastline. Over 400 divers and snorkelers met through the four new Irish Underwater Council Regional Rallies which were an outstanding success.

Key Objective for 2015

In 2015 we will be rolling out a Snorkel for Schools project to provide snorkel training and experiences as part of the sports curriculum in schools. We will also be working closely with Irish Water Safety on a campaign to highlight the importance of proper training in water sports. Dive

Ireland International Dive Expo will be hosted in Nenagh, Co Tipperary on the 29th February & 1st march 2014, this is a two day international dive and snorkel event can attract over 1,000 people.

Irish Water Safety – Sport

www.iws.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €20,000

PARTICIPANTS: 1,401

CLUBS: 20

Highlight of 2014

Surf Lifesaving in Ireland had an extremely successful 2014 season. Ireland sent a strong Junior, Senior and Masters team to the World Lifesaving Championships in Montpellier, France in September 2014 and had great success coming home with 51 world medals throughout the 3 squads. The Junior Team came 9th overall in the World with the Senior Team placing 18th overall. We also had massive increased participation in the sport in Ireland from Nipper (8-14) right up to Masters level in both regional and National competitions.

Key Objective for 2015

In 2015 we are aiming to have more lifesaving competitions in Ireland to cater for the increase in numbers participating at regional and National Level. Our National Development Squad and National High Performance Squad will continue to develop and grow. On the International Stage our main goals are top 5 finish for Junior and Seniors at the European Lifesaving Championships which are to be held in Aberavon , Wales for Seniors in August and in Spain in September for Juniors.

Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation

www.irishwwf.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €11,716

PARTICIPANTS: 8,500

CLUBS: 19

Highlight of 2014

The participation in our sport in 2014 has increased from 3,000 to approximately 8,500 mainly due to our new cable clubs with another two due to open in 2015 which should continue the increase. Eamonn Prunty achieved Silver at the European Disabled Championships in Italy and David O'Caoimh from Dublin turned professional and was selected as one of only 20 male athletes globally to compete at the prestigious World Cup in China where he came 4th in his category.

Key Objective for 2015

Further grow participation in our Sport. In conjunction with members of the committee we are working hard with our European counterparts to have our sport included in the European Games 2017 along with the Olympics in the future. Our aim for the Team is get them back into the top 5 point scorers in Europe and bring home another European champion and also to retain top 10 team score

at the world championships getting at least 3 riders into the finals across all divisions. We will be developing a Cable Team in addition to our Ski & Wakeboarding Team.

Irish Wheelchair Association – Sport

www.iwasport.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €237,834

PARTICIPANTS: 1,714

CLUBS: 26

Highlight of 2014

Domestically our highest participation sports of wheelchair basketball and athletics both ran a busy schedule of events catering for all age levels. Participation numbers in these programmes have grown by 10% in these sports in the past year. Internationally IWA-Sport athletes competed at the World Championships in Powerlifting and the European Championships in Athletics, Archery and Swimming respectively. We also sent the biggest ever multi-sport junior team to the IWAS World Junior Games in London. A team of 23 athletes competed in the sports of athletics, table tennis and swimming.

Key Objective for 2015

We will have two key objectives for 2014: 1) increase our participation numbers in our sports – we will aim to achieve this by running sports specific promotions which will increase awareness of our sports and clubs and 2) we will support our High Performance athletes with their preparations for the Rio Games. The year prior to the Paralympic Games is always the busiest year in terms of training and competitions.

Ladies Gaelic Football Association

www.ladiesgaelic.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €384,655

PARTICIPANTS: 153,911

CLUBS: 1,207

Highlight of 2014

2014 has been a stellar year for Ladies Gaelic Football culminating in a superb attendance of over 27,000 in Croke Park at our All Ireland Final. However, the greatest highlight of the year came in October when we recorded a record attendance at our Annual Gaelic4Mothers & Others blitz with over 1,100 ladies from every corner of the county taking part in a day of fun and football in an atmosphere of friendship and enjoyment.

Key Objective for 2015

In 2015 we are aiming to continue to boost participation levels in the sport right around the country. Our Gaelic4Girls & Others programme will continue to help develop the game in areas where it may need extra attention to achieve growth, our Gaelic4Mothers & Others programme will continue to encourage women of all ages to take part in sport in a demographic that is not specifically catered for anywhere else. Participation is the key objective which will be encouraged through continued

development initiatives along with an active promotional campaign.

Motorcycling Union of Ireland

www.motorcycling-ireland.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €67,509

PARTICIPANTS: 2,500

Highlight of 2014

We have run over 200 events in all disciplines. Jack Kennedy came 11th overall in World Supersport Championship, Andy Farrell came 2nd in the Supertwin and 3rd in the Junior Championship Isle of Man TT. Michael Jordan won the Lightweight Championship Isle of Man TT and Eugene Lavery came 9th overall in the World Superbike Championship. Motorcycling Ireland completed Anti-doping seminars for all competitors in 2014.

Key Objective for 2015

To improve all aspects of our sport, to purchase new safety equipment, Anti-Doping for all Competitors, to train 2 level 2 tutors, send Teams to all International events and all World events and finally to achieve Carding and Elite status for all our top Competitors.

Motorsport Ireland

www.motorsportireland.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €138,834

PARTICIPANTS: 3,600CLUBS: 35

Highlight of 2014

Motorsport Ireland has invested heavily in young driver talent and to this end our drivers have succeeded in finishing in the top three in the European and Belgium Rally Championships with Craig Breen and Stephen Wright respectively. We also won the British Rally Championship with Daniel McKenna. This policy is based on the principle that international success is the most effective recruitment tool to attract new participants to the sport.

Key Objective for 2015

We do need to increase participation levels as we have been hit hard by the recession with a drop of 30% in participants over the last five years. We will continue to support our young drivers at International level while working to raise the profile of the sport generally within our own country. To assist in this task we hope to recruit a sport development officer before the year is out.

Mountaineering Ireland

www.mountaineering.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €264,000

PARTICIPANTS: 11,554

CLUBS: 174

Highlight of 2014

2014 saw the membership of Mountaineering Ireland approve by General Meeting the Strategic Plan 2014 - 2017 which sets out a new vision, mission, values and 7 key objectives. 2014 also saw the roll out of new Training

Awards, including the Lowland Leader Award, Climbing Wall Leading Award and Climbing Coach Level 1.

Key Objective for 2015

Mountaineering Ireland will, as part of Comhairle na Tuaithe's steering group, report on the feasibility of the Mountain Access Scheme, a scheme to provide certainty of access to Ireland's mountain areas by way of voluntary landowner agreement and supported by an appropriate indemnity scheme.

National Aero Club of Ireland

www.aeroclub.ie

PARTICIPANTS: 1,000 APPROXIMATELY

Highlight 2014

Renewal of all current airports members

Key Objective for 2015

Resolution of recognition issue with ISC

National Target Shooting Association

www.targetshooting.ie

PARTICIPANTS: 600

CLUBS: 6

Highlight of 2014

Irish shooters competed in the Welsh Airgun Open, RIAC Luxembourg and the Isle of Man Easter shoot and at World Cup and World Championship events in Munich and Granada. Irish Paralympian, Sean Baldwin, competed in the IPC European Championships in Alicante, IPC World Cup in Stoke Mandeville, IPC World Cup in Fort Benning and the IPC World Championships in Suhl. Caroline O'Brien made the final in the IBIS Cup in RIAC. Sean Baldwin also made the finals in air rifle standing in Fort Benning and also Stoke Mandeville where he narrowly missed out on a medal after being eliminated in 4th place.

Key Objective for 2015

Seeking formal recognition by ISC and extending our club affiliation. We are constantly striving to improve the expansion of electronic scoring systems in club ranges, but to do that we will need funding support.

Paralympics Ireland

www.paralympics.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €910,000

SPORTS: 12 NGBS CATERING FOR 21 SPORTS

Highlight of 2014

Michael McKillop & Jason Smyth both winning double gold medals at the IPC Athletics European Championships as well as a discus medal for Cork's Orla Barry. World medals were also secured in cycling by Colin Lynch and Mark Rohan with the breakthrough performance from Eoghan Clifford winning road race and time trial gold medals at the UCI Paracycling Road World Championships in the USA. James Scully won two bronze

medals at the IPC Swimming European Championships. Strong performances across a range of other sports sets Paralympic athletes up nicely to target Rio 2016 qualification, which will be the main focus of 2015. From an organisation perspective, our new strategic plan 'Securing Success Together' was launched in June 2014 and outlines a very clear vision for the disability sport sector for the coming years.

Key Objective for 2015

The primary focus in 2015 will be on supporting athletes qualify for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio. In addition our preparation programme for the Games will continue to be rolled out with a number of squad events, a series of team appointments and a full road-test of our pre Games Holding Camp base in Uberlandia, Brazil.

Pentathlon Ireland

www.pentathlon.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €190,000

PARTICIPANTS: 200

Highlight of 2014

Arthur Lannigan O'Keefe qualifying for the world championship final, being the first Irish male participant to reach a world cup final, producing a brilliant qualifying display and finishing in third place in his group. He eventually finished 13th in the final, an impressive display.

Key Objective for 2015

Raise awareness of our unique sport. With initiatives such as the Pentathlon Ireland Learn to Fence Programme and the SSE Airtricity National Schools Modern Biathlon; PI hope to raise the awareness of our unique sport throughout Ireland. Along with the success of our High performance programme, PI is focusing on organising community based fun activities to cater for the growing interest in Modern Pentathlon. On the high performance side we are clear in our objective to qualify athletes to the Olympics.

Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland

www.ppu.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €61,178

PARTICIPANTS: 7,200

CLUBS: 107

Highlight of 2014

The introduction of a new Inter-County Championship structure at national and provincial levels. This change provided opportunities for Intermediate and Junior players to represent their county for the first time at provincial level. In addition, a second tier competition was added for the National Gents Championship. Both actions were very successful, resulting in a large increase in interest and a record number of competitors.

Key Objective for 2015

To continue to amend our offering in order to maximise the opportunities for players of all ages and abilities

to participate in PPUI competitions. Several changes have been made in recent years in order to optimise our competition calendar. All members should have prospects that are attractive and relevant to them and the introduction of competitions like the U-16 Provincial Matchplay is an example of our steps to meet this aim.

Racquetball Association of Ireland

www.raquetball-ireland.com

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €14,945

PARTICIPANTS: 2,000

Rowing Ireland

www.rowingireland.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €600,000

PARTICIPANTS: 6,000

CLUBS: 70

Highlight of 2014

2014 has been a very successful year both domestically and internationally for Rowing Ireland, we continue to see strong growth in participation and the Women in Sport indoor rowing programme has exposed huge numbers to rowing. We hosted the Home International regatta in July at the National Rowing Centre and internationally Sanita Puspure continued her early season form with a Bronze medal in the European Championships with a fourth place in the World Championships. 20 year old Paul O'Donovan also finished 4th in the Senior World Championships in Amsterdam.

Key Objective for 2015

Olympic qualification is up for grabs in 2015 and we have high aspirations for several crews. We continue to add educational opportunities to our membership and the roll out of the Clubmark programme to support club development will be extremely important. The continued growth of our membership is very important to us and we have re-structured our grading systems to encourage further participation. Recreational and Tour rowing is also high on our agenda to grow.

Softball Ireland

www.softball.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: NONE

PARTICIPANTS: 675

CLUBS: 37

Highlight of 2014

2014 was very successful year for Softball Ireland both on and off the field. September 2014 saw the successful launch of the Women's Fastpitch Development Programme and a National Team will participate in European Tournaments in 2015. Off the field Softball Ireland undertook a Governance review and updated its' constitution and became a member of the Federation of Irish Sport.

Key Objective for 2015

Softball Ireland will host the 2015 European Softball

Federation Annual Congress in February. Internationally, the Irish National Team will play in both the European and World Championships.

Student Sport Ireland

www.studentsport.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €65,000

PARTICIPANTS: 1,800 IN 8 LEAGUES

TEAMS: 127

Highlight of 2014

The continued development of the SSI Leagues culminating in the SSI League Final's day hosted by Waterford IT and the participation of high performance students at World University Championships. Approximately 1,800 students from 127 teams participate in 8 SSI Leagues including badminton, karting, men's and women's rugby (in conjunction with the IRFU), netball, pool and men's and women's volleyball. A total of 30 high performance students participated at World University Championships in Archery, Cycling, Golf, Orienteering and Rowing with DIT's Daniel Bruton (10th in the Cycling WUC Road Race), University of Toledo's Chris Selfridge (10th in the Golf WUC) and Trinity College Dublin's Ruth Morris and University College London's Orla Hayes (4th in the Lightweight double at the Rowing WUC) being the standout performers.

Key Objective for 2015

The key sporting objective for Student Sport Ireland in 2015 is the continued development of programmes to promote increased participation in sport and physical activity by third level students and the facilitation of the participation of high performance students at the 2015 World University Games, a competition that is now second only to the Olympics in the number of participating athletes.

Snowsports Association of Ireland

www.snowsports.ie

TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €20,000

Highlight of 2014

At the Winter Olympic Games, in Sochi, Team Ireland comprised of one Snowboarder, two Alpine Skiers and one Cross Country Skier. This was the first time Snowboarding was part of the Ireland team and Seamus O'Connor achieved remarkable results in the Halfpipe discipline finishing in 15th position and in Slope Style discipline in finishing in 17th position. Seamus was also one of only 4 athletes world-wide to qualify in both disciplines (Halfpipe and Slope Style). Conor Lyne (Alpine Skier) finished in 40th position and Jan Rossiter also finished the course in Cross Country Skiing. Junior Alpine Skier, Cormac Comerford participated in a FIS development Camp.

Key Objective for 2015

Ireland will have teams competing in World Championships in Snowboarding, Alpine Skiing and

Cross Country Skiing. Seamus O'Connor will continue to compete at a high level in the Snowboard World Tour and FIS World Cups. His long term International target is to rank in the top 6 in the world. SAI will nominate a team to the OCI for the European Youth Olympic Games in January 2015. Other activities at International level will include Children's race Borrufa Andorra, FIS races and FIS development camps and the introduction of Biathlon.

Special Olympics Ireland
www.specialolympics.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €1,400,000
PARTICIPANTS: 9,668 ATHLETES
CLUBS: 388

Highlight of 2014

In June, 1,500 athletes travelled to Limerick to take part in the 2014 Ireland Games. Over the course of three glorious days, athletes from around the country competed in 13 different sports and a non-competitive Motor Activities event. The athletes were supported by coaches and in addition, 3,000 dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to host one of the largest and most successful sporting events to have been held in this country in recent years. 46 athletes competed at the 2014 European Games in Antwerp, Belgium in September. Competing in 7 sports, athletes took home 57 medals, 31 place ribbons, as well as achieving a significant number of PBs. In addition to a gold medal finish, Team Ireland men's seven-a-side football team achieved the Fair Play award in recognition of their exemplary conduct on the pitch.

Key Objective for 2015

Special Olympics Ireland will compete in the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, USA with a team of 88 athletes in 13 sports. While the successful participation of Team Ireland is paramount as to compete at this level is the pinnacle of achievement for any athlete, nevertheless the regular on-going programme will continue for the remaining 9,668 athletes with local area competitions, leagues, training and development days planned for the coming year.

Swim Ireland
www.swimireland.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €1,462,178
PARTICIPANTS: 15,000
CLUBS: 158

Highlight of 2014

Designed and adopted the new categories of Leisure and Special membership in order to open the organisation to all that can participate in our sport which will be launched in 2015. Developed key commercial relationships with national media organisations, which will increase and enhance the exposure and coverage afforded to Swimming in 2015. Developed and rolled out the Swim for a Mile Nationwide initiative (which encouraged people to get back into the pool) with over 1,200 participants. Recognised the need for change in our HP programme

and our National Performance Director will now focus his efforts primarily on the Head Coach role of the 2016 Olympic Focus Squad group based at the National Aquatic Centre.

Key Objective for 2015

Run our Swim For a Mile initiative which encourages people to get back into the swimming pool on a much larger scale with 10,000 participants in over 100 pools nationwide. Deliver 11,000 new Leisure Members which would bring our overall membership numbers to over 25,000. Qualify 2 swimmers and a relay in 2015 for the 2016 Games. Deliver 50 Education courses across all the levels and disciplines (one course a week) nationwide. Deliver our new 'Young People's' Strategy.

Tennis Ireland
www.tennisireland.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €490,497
PARTICIPANTS: 40,000
CLUBS: 200

Highlight of 2014

James McGee Ireland no 1 player reaches main draw of US OpenDavis cup retain Group 11 status beating Egypt in Ireland. Irish Fed Cup team promoted to group 2 in February 2014. Irish juniors win Tri nations in September becoming the first Irish team ever to win the event outright

Key Objective for 2015

To see James McGee & Louk Sorensen reach top 150 ATP rankings & Amy Bowtell & Sam Barry top 200 and make grand slams. To continue growing our national junior academy and to see our top 2 juniors in the top 100 rankings at U14 and U18 level. To promote outreach tennis programmes amongst clubs/schools & parks and develop social inclusion programme at grass roots

Triathlon Ireland
www.triathlonireland.com
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €371,038
PARTICIPANTS: 9,773
CLUBS: 84

Highlight of 2014

One of the biggest highlights from 2014 was to see more and more people getting involved in triathlon and seeing the sport continues to grow. There was also 6,200 One Day Licences taken out and circa 50,000 race entries. The level of competition at the top increased once again in 2014 however we're also seeing more people enjoying triathlon for the fitness, health and social benefits and more juniors taking part. Aileen Reid's 5th place finish at the WTS Grand Final and #8 World Ranking is another highlight along with the positive steps our elite men are making towards Olympic Qualification.

Key Objective for 2015

Triathlon Ireland would like to provide the best possible

service to our members in 2015. TI's aim is to continue to grow the sport and increase the level of triathlon participation. An increase in the number of juniors involved in triathlon will be a key aspect of this. TI would aim to have 3 athletes inside the Olympic Qualification zone and increase the number and standard of junior, U23 and development athletes.

Vision Sports Ireland
www.visionsports.ie
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €34,713
PARTICIPANTS: 300

Highlight of 2014

MayFest 2014, Ireland's biggest sports and leisure weekend for vision impaired people of all ages and abilities took place over the weekend 23 to 25 May in the ALSAA Sports Complex.The 3 day sports fest began with a reception and light hearted fun and games. The big al la carte sports day followed which programmed a variety of at least 10 sports that were available on both a "come and try" and competition basis. The day ended with a lively barbeque and entertainment. The main features of the 3rd day were a sea-side walk and football competition. We are now planning an even bigger and better MayFest 2015!

Key Objective for 2015

In 2015 Vision Sports Ireland will be focusing on increasing participation levels of vision impaired people, of all ages and abilities, in sports of their choice. There will also be a big drive to widen our reach across all regions of the country, including Northern Ireland, by hosting "come and try" events, competitions and building relationships with as many sports organisations and local sports partnerships as possible. Additionally we will be looking to introduce several new sports in line with demand from our members to ensure we are offering a dynamic and responsive service.

Volleyball Ireland
www.volleyballireland.com
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €237,258
PARTICIPANTS: 717
CLUBS: 13

Highlight of 2014

The Volleyball Association entered 2 Men's teams and 2 Women's teams (8 athletes in total) into the CEV Beach Continental Cup this summer for the very first time. The first round was in Bournemouth and included England, Slovakia & Switzerland. Ireland's Pair of Tim Church and Robert Brennan finished a credible 3rd. In the second round, held in Edinburgh, Ireland's Church/Brennan partnership once again put in a gritty performance to again finish 3rd despite an injury to Brennan. This time the opposition was Scotland, Slovakia & Northern Ireland. RTE's John Murray Show picked our Beach Volleyball teams as Underdogs 2014 and followed their progress through the events.

Key Objective for 2015

We are focusing on youth development primarily in the coming year. This means under-age groups in both recreation and competition areas. The aim is to eventually establish more clubs aligned to U14, U16, U18 etc. in line with European level competition. We will also promote these age groups in Junior club development, in Beach and in Indoor recreational areas. We will also be starting to extend our youngest starters from 9 down to 6 years of age.

Weightlifting Ireland
www.weightliftingireland.com
TOTAL ISC FUNDING: €18,818
PARTICIPANTS: 638
CLUBS: 33

Highlight of 2014

A female lifter won her category at the Grand Prix. Three women represent Ireland at the Euro Seniors for the first time ever. Two lifters were sent to this year's World's competition in Kazakhstan. The largest team in Ireland's history was sent to the Euro Juniors & Under 23's, happening in Cyprus as we speak.

Key Objective for 2015

Growing the number of competitors and competitions in Olympic weightlifting and thereby increasing the talent pool. Send an 8 man and 7 woman team to the Euro Seniors. Host the Celtic Nations in Ireland. Get 15 lifters to the Euro Juniors / Under 23's. Send 5 men and 3 women to the world championships.

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HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) is an important date in the diary of any sports club or organisation (**Organisation**). The best way for an Organisation to approach an AGM is to begin preparing for it well in advance. As soon as an Organisation's season starts the President and Committee should start preparing for the AGM. Here are some tips to assist in making your Organisation's AGM easier to prepare for and to ensure that it is well attended.

1. **Schedule the AGM early** – Schedule the date of the AGM as early as possible in the season and communicate the date to the members on a regular basis. Ultimately ensure that adequate notice of the AGM is given to members.
2. **Agenda** – Prepare and circulate the agenda to all members well in advance of the scheduled AGM. The agenda should set out deadlines for comments and/or the addition of items for discussion in advance of the AGM.

3. **AOB** – “*Any Other Business*” should not be used as a heading for all discussions falling outside of Club Accounts and Committee Selection. The agenda should be as specific as possible as to what is to be discussed and dealt with at the AGM.
4. **Consultation period** – The Organisation should hold a consultation period for any proposal that may be met with scepticism or resistance well in advance so as to avoid emotive discussion and debate at the AGM.
5. **Use a Professional** – If there are technical changes to be made to the governance of the Organisation as a result of the proposals mentioned in point 4, then bring a professional along to explain those changes. Attendees are then more likely to stay on point rather than focussing on the individual delivering the message.
6. **Chairperson** – Appoint a strong chairperson who has the personality to move discussions along and keep to a schedule whilst being able to deal with any passionate members who may be attending the AGM.
7. **Minutes** – Ensure adequate minutes of the AGM are recorded and avoid using any emotive language in the minutes.
8. **Voting** - Make sure that you know the voting rights of various members at the AGM.
9. **Quorum** – Know the quorum required to pass a motion at the AGM.

For more information on governance advice for sports clubs and organisations contact Gavin Bluett at gbluett@leman.ie or (01) 237 3080.

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1. Each year prepare a detailed income and expenditure budget before the start of your financial year.
2. Prepare a cash flow forecast using your income and expenditure budget as your starting point but please take account of the fact that a cash flow forecast, forecasts the actual inflow and outflow of cash.
3. Once you have prepared the cash flow forecast it will show you when you will have surpluses and deficits of cash and this will help you throughout the year to know in advance what your cash flow needs are.
4. Prepare monthly / quarterly management accounts. Management accounts at a minimum should contain your income and expenditure accounts and if possible a balance sheet for the period in question.
5. Match the actual results per your income and expenditure account to your budgeted income and expenditure account and this will show up variances to the budget.
6. Investigate all material variances to the budget and take corrective action.
7. Corrective action may entail revising the budgeted spend for the remainder of the year, reallocating of spend from one area to another or identifying income shortages.
8. Also monitor on a monthly basis your actual cash flow to your forecasted cash flow to ensure that the organisation doesn't run into cash flow difficulties.
9. In order to perform the tasks above it is vital that your organisation has a properly designed and functioning accounts system.
10. In all cases your accounts system should be able to provide information to allow management to make informed judgements to enable them to taken action in good time.



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Key Criteria for Major Events

To be considered as a Major Event the event must:

- 📍 Be available for bidding: The Major Events Unit is focussed on securing new events for Ireland. Events which are already confirmed for Ireland fall outside of this remit
- 📍 Deliver upwards of 6,000 international bed nights (with independent research to support this figure - paid accommodation only)
- 📍 Provide significant economic impact (with independent research to support this)
- 📍 Require little or no infrastructural additions, or tie into planned infrastructural development
- 📍 Have significant private sector investment
- 📍 Have sufficient lead in time in order to leverage marketing opportunities

The Major Events Unit bidding fund is limited, therefore we cannot guarantee funding for every event which meets the above criteria.

Consideration will also be given to other factors including, but not limited to, the level of risk associated with the event, relevance to key tourism markets and event timing.

Each event will be evaluated on a competitive basis.

For further details for this and other event bidding supports please contact Edel Mitchell edel.mitchell@failteireland.ie or 01 8847897



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