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New Chef de Mission appointed for the 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan

MONTREAL, February 18, 2009 - The Canadian Deaf Sports Association is proud to announce the appointment of the new Chef de Mission for the 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan which are being held September 5 to 15, 2009.

Jonathan Guinta, previously selected as the Assistant Chef-de-mission, will replace Ms. Kathy Russell as the new Chef-de-mission for Taipei 2009 Deaflympics. Ms. Russell resigned due to personal reasons and will continue to provide support to the new Chef-de-mission until the start of the Deaflympics on September 5, 2009.

Jonathan Guinta was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and grew up in Toronto, Ontario and Edmonton, Alberta. He holds bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science. He has been involved with Alberta Deaf Sports Association (ADSA), Alberta Association of the Deaf (AAD) and Calgary Association of the Deaf (CAD). He has held a variety of board positions within the above organizations. Recently, he was a chairperson of the successful Deaf Canada Conference 2008 that was hosted in Calgary last July. He has been involved with Deaflympics as a flag carrier for the 1991 Winter Deaflympics in Banff, Alberta; and as a Mission Manager for the 2007 Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, USA. A resident of Calgary, Alberta, he is currently employed as a Senior Business Intelligence Developer with a Canadian telecommunications company. His hobbies are: attending Deaf community events, travelling, reading and hiking.

The CDSA is expected to send a team of approximately 58 people involving the sports of Athletics, Bowling, Cycling, Judo, Swimming, Taekwondo and Beach Volleyball. A three day Team Canada training camp will be held in Montréal from August 27 to 31 prior to leaving for the Deaflympics. A Press Conference and Pep Rally are scheduled during the training camp.

For more information on the 2009 Summer Deaflympics, please check the website at : www.2009deaflympics.org

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (ASSC-CDSA) is a non-profit, private corporation programs that will bring awareness to Canadians, elite athletes including send teams to with hearing loss of 55 db in each of both ears at all levels of sports. The ASSC-CDSA is the governing body for Team Canada participating to the Deaflympics, Panamerican Games for the Deaf and various World Deaf Championships.

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