



Volunteer vacancy

# **IPC MEDICAL EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP - MILANO CORTINA 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is seeking appropriately qualified volunteers to join its Medical Expert Advisory Group (MEAG) for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, to be convened as soon as possible in 2025 and ending on 16 March 2026.

## **ABOUT THE IPC**

The IPC is a purpose-driven non-profit member association. At the IPC, we work as one team, aligned and focused on fulfilling our vision and mission.

The IPC's vision is for an inclusive world through Para sport. We believe that Change Starts With Sport, and that the work of the Paralympic Movement is a catalyst for driving social inclusion and advancing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

The IPC seeks to use the influential global position of the Paralympic Movement and the growing profile of Para athletes to challenge the stigma attached to disability and empower social transformation.

Our mission is to lead the Paralympic Movement, oversee the delivery of the Paralympic Games and support members to enable Para athletes to achieve sporting excellence. Since 1989, we have been creating change through sport with the Paralympic Games and Paralympic athletes at our core.

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## ROLE

As part of the IPC's transitional governance reforms, and during this interim period, the IPC is putting in place a Medical Expert Advisory Group to assist the IPC solely in relation to the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games (the **MiCo Medical Expert Advisory Group**).

The MiCo Medical Expert Advisory Group will consist of:

- The IPC's external Medical Director, Dr. Wayne Derman, who will act as the chair of the group.
- The Chairperson of the IPC TUE Committee, Dr. Jan Lexell.
- 5 other volunteer members.

The MiCo Medical Expert Advisory Group is appointed by the CEO and will be responsible for assisting and advising the IPC Management Team on medical matters in the lead up to and during the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games (up to 16 March 2026), including:

- Advising on the planning and delivery of medical services for the Games.
- Assisting and advising the IPC, and the organising committee where requested, on situational management of any public health or acute medical matters affecting the Games (e.g., severe weather, COVID-19 and other infectious outbreaks, severe medical matters and fatalities).
- Participating as needed in the NPC Team Physician meeting, and other meetings as required.
- Supporting the IPC, as needed, in the management of Games-time mental health and safeguarding matters, including services in the Mindzone area(s).
- Attending the Games for the full Games period (~2 to 16 March 2025).
- Where applicable, assisting the injury, illness and mental health surveillance team with data collection from NPC medical staff during Games time.

The MiCo Medical Expert Advisory Group will be managed by the IPC Medical and Scientific Department.

It is expected that the group will largely conduct its preliminary work by video calls and emails to fulfil its responsibilities. However, it is possible that an in-person meeting may be necessary.

This is a voluntary role as such there is no remuneration. However, travel and accommodation expenses are paid in accordance with the IPC's financial policies.

#### CORE REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a qualified medical practitioner or allied health professional and/or have significant experience in the field of mental health and safeguarding.
- Knowledge of and/or experience in the Paralympic Movement and Paralympic Games environment especially in the Winter Games setting.
- Experience supporting or advising volunteer-led initiatives or organisations.
- Demonstrated understanding of, or experience working with, IPC members or with Para sport.
- Excellent communication skills in multicultural and global settings.
- Ability to contribute in a timely, confidential, and professional manner.
- An ability to work under sometimes pressured conditions, and to prioritise tasks appropriately and adapt to situational demands.
- Fluency in English (verbal and written).
- Must not be appointed to a role for MiCo with an NPC.

Do you want to [apply](#)?

If you are interested and provide a good match with our requirements, please send your CV and cover letter in English and in pdf to [MedicalJobs@paralympic.org](mailto:MedicalJobs@paralympic.org).

For these positions, the IPC will review applications on a rolling basis. Shortlisted candidates may be invited to an interview.

For further information on the IPC, please contact us or visit our website at [www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org).

**We look forward to your application!**

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