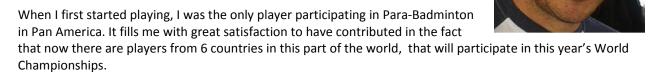
# Elections for BWF Para-Badminton Athletes' Commission (2013 – 2017)



### Raúl Eduardo Anguiano Araujo (Guatemala)

I have been a badminton Athlete since age 10. My actual age is 38 and I started competing in Para-badminton in 2005 when I was 30. I fell in love with the unwavering spirit, passion, sacrifice, good values and love for life daily expressed by all the people involved in it.

I was part of the organizing committee of the 2011 Para-badminton World Championships in Guatemala and the 2013 Para-badminton Pan-American Championships also in Guatemala. During the past 5 years I have been coaching new Para-badminton athletes in my country.



I love competing and trying to get good results, but I have learned that there is no bigger joy than helping in the development of Para-badminton and sharing with others a bit of the many things I have received by practicing this sport.

I would like to continue contributing to the growth of Para-badminton for years to come and that's why I want to be part of the Para-badminton Athletes' Commission so I can express the ideas of all the players and also mine, that will help Para-badminton become a Paralympic sport. I think all Para-badminton players are a great example for everyone and I am sure this is only the beginning of the rising of our sport. As a member of the commission I would like to:

- Create easier ways of communication with all athletes via email and social networks, so they can express their ideas, news, doubts related to Para-badminton
- Initiate programs to promote and develop this sport worldwide.
- Strengthen and give more value to the opinion of athletes during this period.

## **Antony Forster (England)**

I am an SL4 player from England. I have been participating in Para-Badminton tournaments for the last 10 years with Dortmund being my 6<sup>th</sup> World Championships. I have had a good amount of success with the highlights being three European doubles titles and a World silver medal.

I believe I would be a valuable member of the Athletes' Commission as:



- I am already well known in the Para-Badminton community, both
  with players and officials, having been the Hon Treasurer of IBAD before the BWF took over the role as
  well as playing in numerous tournaments during that time;
- I am able to speak clearly and with authority during meetings, thereby ensuring that the players' voices are well represented; and

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 I expect to play in several tournaments each year, making it easier to communicate with other players to understand their views and ideas to improve the sport.

Para-Badminton has been an incredibly important part of my life over recent years and I would love to have the opportunity to play a part in gaining Paralympic status and ensuring the sport continues to grow.

## **Richard Perot (France)**

#### Qualifications:

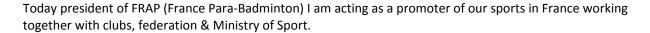
Master 2 in finance & credit management Ecole Supérieure de Commerce & Management (Tour Poitier Management Business School)

#### **Professional Experience:**

Working for more than 15 years in a worldwide established industrial company, first as technical support for Eastern Europe & Russia, then in logistics for Asia/Africa continent, I am now Export Credit Manager in Schneider Electric and lecturer at the Grenoble university of languages.

#### **Sports Profile:**

Since the age of 6, I have been playing ice hockey at a national level. Skier, and basket-baller, I have moved to table tennis after my accident. I have discovered badminton in 2010, and since got involved on all international and national events as player.



#### Plans to Represents Athletes:

As member of the athletes commission, I will work to improve communication between BWF and the players.

#### Why?

- o So as the players contribute and participate actively to the evolution of their sports
- So as to improve players experience at tournament
- So as the BWF, the events organisers and the players, collaborate and share best practices

Moreover within the commission, I will communicate with BWF, to share the point of concern of the players, regardless of their Sports Class. I will also check the players are informed and aware of the subjects bwf is working on and what is expected from them. At the same time, I will make sure the BWF takes into account the players opinions.

My concern and commitments in sport as always been the same: Promoting personal achievement and transcendence, in a spirit of sportsmanship. Like most of you, badminton means more than a sport in my life and I wish today, my candidature as member of the athlete's commission, will contribute to structure more parabadminton, and help players to reach their personal goals.



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## **Martin Rooke (England)**

I've been a sports coach for ten years. Coaching people from the ages of 4 to 40. I've been playing Para -Badminton for two and a half years. I am currently UK champion and European champion and also currently World No 1.

I want to help Develop and promote Para-Badminton. I also want to help Competitions to become more competitive, with more players – with the ultimate goal of Para-Badminton achieving Paralympic status. Development of the sport to find the next generation of players is also essential.



I would wish to find out if players are happy with the competitions and to represent their views to the BWF via the Athletes' Commission.

Although I am happy with the current classification system, I feel that I would be able to effectively support players with classification issues that they might experience.

- o Diploma in sports studies Maths / English, Communications skills level ½
- Level 1 Coaching Qualifications, Swimming, Volleyball, Badminton / retaken the qualification in a wheelchair 2011, Basketball, Trampolining, Gymnastic level 5/4

### Ilse van de Burgwal

#### Experience - profile

Currently I'm employed as a production coordinator at an international publisher of books and magazines. I'm responsible for the planning and costs of 25 magazines and I'm also the coordinator of the designers. Some of the magazines are weekly and some of the magazines are monthly. Besides that, I'm also mediator between my clients and printing offices.



In my spare time, I'm mainly busy with badminton. Training and playing for myself, as well as giving training to a groups of children. I'm also representing the Dutch disabled badminton players in a workgroup originated by our national badminton federation. In this workgroup we've written a plan to make sure that disabled badminton will grow in the future. We also give clinics at regular badminton clubs to show that integration with the abled players is very much possible.

I'd like to be elected to the Para-Badminton Athletes Commission. I really believe that the players should have more say in the future of disabled badminton. The more players and BWF work together, the bigger the chances are for a Paralympic future for disabled badminton.

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My plans to represent para-badminton athletes:

- Presence at the commissions meetings
- Proper feedback to players about the outcome of those meetings
- Active help to make disabled badminton Paralympic
- Reducing the distance between players and the BWF
- Organise player meetings at international tournaments
- Represent all players, regardless country of origin, disability etc.
- Making the voices of the players heard
- Creating an online forum for quick and direct communication

## Yau Tiam Ann (Malaysia)

I work as an IT Director at German based company (Infineon) in Melaka, Malaysia with about 200 IT professionals reporting to me.

I join the Malaysia Para-badminton team in 2004 and since then I have been taking part in several major international para badminton tournaments :

- South East ASEAN Game (Single Bronze in 2008 Thailand)
- o 9<sup>th</sup> Fespic Game (2006 Kuala Lumpur)
- o Asian Para Badminton Cup (double bronze in both 2004 and 2008)
- o World Championship (Taiwan 2005).

My last tournament was in Korea – the Victor 3rd Asian Para-Badminton Championship 2012 (double bronze in Class 3).

My Plan for Para-Badminton (and every players dream):

- o To have Badminton as Paralympic sports event in 2020
- o To have a national level academy for athlete development
- To have a national level welfare and job opportunities for athletes
- o To have a BWF "Superseries for disabled badminton (every quarter)

