

The 2010 Special Olympics European Summer Games

The 2010 Special Olympics European Summer Games will take place between 18 and 23 September 2010 in Warsaw under the honorary patronage of the President of the Republic of Poland. The Games will involve 55 Host Towns across Poland, which will provide social and sports programs for Special Olympics athletes from across Europe/Eurasia, as well as help to spread the dynamic and inclusive spirit of the Games throughout the whole country.

The 2010 Special Olympics European Summer Games will be attended by 1,500 athletes from 57 countries who will compete in nine disciplines including:

- Badminton,
- Bowling,
- Powerlifting,
- Athletics,
- Table Tennis,
- Tennis,
- Unified Sports® Basketball,
- Female Football,
- Roller Skating.



The Special Olympics Motor Activities Training Program (MATP) will also be offered as demonstration sport. The MATP Program is designed for athletes with severe or profound intellectual disability who are unable to participate in Official Special Olympics sport competitions because of their skill and/or functional abilities.

Special Olympics

Special Olympics, founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, is the world's largest year-round programme of sports training and competitions for individuals with intellectual disabilities. More than 3 million children and adults of all ability levels in over 170 countries train and compete in 30 Olympic-style summer and winter sports at local, national and international events. Through its sports programs, Special Olympics strives to provide long-term benefits to individual's health, self-esteem and social integration.



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The Symposium is organized by the European Summer Games Organizing Committee in cooperation with Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia.

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Special Olympics European Symposium

Community Integration through Sport
Sunday, 19 September 2010

In conjunction with the Special Olympics European Summer Games – Warsaw 2010



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Under the patronage of:
Mrs Jolanta Fedak, Minister of Labour and Social Policy in Poland
and International Sport and Culture Association



Ministry of Labour and Social Policy





Purpose of the Special Olympics European Symposium

In conjunction with the Special Olympics European Summer Games taking place in Warsaw between 18 and 23 September 2010 a European Symposium is being organized to present and discuss key issues around the theme of "Community Integration through Sport" on Sunday, 19 September at the Warsaw Agricultural University.

Young people with and without intellectual disability are one of the main target groups for Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia's current focus activities for community integration programs. During the Symposium The Special Olympics Youth Unified Sports® program will be highlighted as a model to promote the social integration of young people with intellectual disability in their local community. Special Olympics Unified Sports is a Special Olympics initiative that provides opportunities for sportsmen with and without intellectual disabilities to play on integrated sport teams.

The University of Ulster/Belfast in Northern Ireland conducted an evaluation study on the impact of Unified Sports participation on community integration of youths aged 12-25 in five European countries in 2009/2010. The results of the study will be presented at the Symposium.

This study will open the discussion about integration of young people with and without intellectual disability in the community. The value of sport in community integration will be reflected in context with other activities and initiatives.

Sunday, September 19

09:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 11:30	Opening session
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 13:00	Plenary session
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Round table discussions
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 16:15	Summary
16:15 - 16:30	Closing remarks

We expect guests from international and national Sport Governing Bodies, NGOs, Representatives of Ministries of Education, Sport, Labor and Social Policy, Special Olympics Program representatives, youth and family leaders as well as sponsors and University representatives active in the fields of sports and community integration.

For updates on presenters, please visit
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Participation in the symposium is free of charge with participants responsible for their own travel and accommodation.



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