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A small, stylized logo of a person with their arms raised in a celebratory gesture, located in the bottom right corner of the header area.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

2019



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## 1 Welcome

By the time you receive this Report of the year 2019 it will be 2020.

So, I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy New Year. In this our Trisome Games year may it be a successful year for you and may all your dreams and wishes for 2020 be realised.

## 2 Registrations

The numbers of athletes Registering continues to grow. Although 150 athletes have retired over the past few years, we still have around 1,350 registered. In 2019 I Registered 4 New Countries and 276 new athletes.

### 2.1 2019 Growth of Membership

NEW Countries	SW/SY	AT	TT	FU	BB	GY	AS	JU	TN	AS	TOTAL
Chile				5							5
Korea	1										1
Kuwait	3	2			5						10
Peru				12							12
<b>NEW Athletes</b>											
Argentina		1		12							13
Australia	2	1				1					4
Brazil	8	1		7							16
Chile				6							6
Colombia	6	1									7
Czech Republic		1							1	1	3
Finland		5	1			2					8
Great Britain	4										4
Hong Kong	1										1
Croatia	1	1						1			3



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<b>India</b>	1										1
<b>Iran</b>	2										2
<b>Ireland</b>	3										3
<b>Italy</b>	1	1	1	4	6						13
<b>Japan</b>	1										1
<b>Mexico</b>	33	29	5	8		1					76
<b>Norway</b>						3					3
<b>Poland</b>	6	8						6		3	23
<b>Portugal</b>	2	1			3			7			13
<b>Romania</b>								3			3
<b>Russia</b>	8		1			5			2		16
<b>Turkmenistan</b>			1								1
<b>Turkey</b>	4			12	5			2			23
<b>Zimbabwe</b>		4									4
<b>USA</b>	1										1
<b>Sport Totals</b>	88	56	9	66	19	12	0	19	3	4	276

There have already been more Registration in 2020 and I expect these to grow as we approach the Trisome Games.

### 3 Registration Fees.

In the past there has been some difficulties in getting Countries to pay the SUDS Registration Fees. Therefore, it was agreed that I would not release the Registration Number until the Fee (\$15) has been paid.

### 4 Events I visited in 2019

#### 4.1 February Mexico Inspection

With Jose Costa Pereira I went to Morelia at the invitation of FEMEDE to inspect the facilities for the Americas Games for athletes with Down syndrome.



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### 4.2 March Poland Down Syndrome Conference

At the invitation of the new Polish organisation for athletes with Down Syndrome SONI I went to speak at a Conference they had organised to encourage more participation for athletes with Down syndrome. This did bring in athletes for Judo and Gymnastics and I hope a skiing event soon.

### 4.3 July Athletics & Table Tennis Finland

This was the first SUDS event in Finland. It was a great success and I hope we can have more events there.

### 4.4 August Mexico Americas Down Syndrome Games

With Jose Costa Pereira and Carla Cardoso, from DSISO, I returned for the Americas Games for athletes with Down syndrome. We were able to give Technical support to the three sports in the Games, Athletics, Swimming and Table Tennis.

### 4.5 September Trisome Games Inspection

With the Technical Directors for some of the Sports I travelled to Antalya to inspect the Sports Provisions for the Trisome Games. I also met with the LOC and some of the Technical Committee that were organising this event.

### 4.6 December Portugal IB21 and JUDOWN

My final visit of 2019 was to Guimarães in Portugal for the IBA21 and JUDOWN Open European Championships

## 5 TRISOME GAMES 2024

Bids are awaited from Russia and Brazil. The venue will be finally announced at the Trisome Games.

## 6 New Registration Forms

A new 2020 Registration Form has been completed and copies are available on the website.

### **ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ON THE 2020 VERSION OF THE SUDS REGISTRATION FORM**

#### 6.1 Media Indemnity

The situation regarding the taking of photos and other media cover at competitions is something that SUDS have been thinking about seriously. This and the new European General



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Data Protection Regulations means we now have a new form included in the Registration Forms. 2020 version can be downloaded from website now.

## 6.2 General Data Protection Regulations

We do have Data Protection cover since there is a Data Protection clause in the Registration Form. I have updated the Registration Forms to include the GDPR instead of the current clause, which refers to the GB Data Protection Act.

## 7 Finally

This time my signing off is a final one. At the Trisome Games SUDS will elect a new Executive Committee. I have decided I will not be standing for the position of President.

I will miss so many of you, athletes, coaches and managers that have become my friends over the past years.

I wish you all continued success for the future.

I will be able to say my personal farewells to you in Antalya.

Until then, sincere best wishes,

Geoff Smedley,  
SUDS CEO and President