



## Biography Sheet

Sir Philip Craven, MBE  
President

Nationality: British

Date and Place of Birth: 4 July 1950; Bolton, United Kingdom

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### Sporting Achievements and Awards

- Five time Paralympian in Wheelchair Basketball (1972-1988) and Swimming (1972)
  - International Achievements in Wheelchair Basketball:
    - Gold medal - World Championship/Gold Cup (1973)
    - Bronze medal - World Championship/Gold Cup (1975)
    - Gold medal – European Championship (1971 and 1974)
    - Silver medal – European Championship (1993)
    - Gold medal – European Champions Cup (1994)
    - Gold medal – Commonwealth Games (1970)
- Juan Antonio Samaranch Disabled Athlete Award (2006)
- Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacturing & Commerce (2005)
- Knight Bachelor by HM Queen Elizabeth II for services to Paralympic Sport (2005)
- Gold Medal of the City of Athens by Mayor Dora Bakoyiannis (2004)
- Induction into the Stoke Mandeville Hall of Fame (2003)
- Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) by HM Queen Elizabeth II for services to Wheelchair Basketball (1991)
- La medaille d'argent de la Jeunesse et des Sports, France (1973)

### Major Contributions to Paralympic Sport

- President, International Paralympic Committee (IPC) (since 2001)
- Member, International Olympic Committee (IOC) (since 2003)
- Member, Executive Board, British Olympic Association (since 2003)
- Board Member, London 2012 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (since 2005)
- Administration Council Member, International Committee for Fair Play (since 2003)
- Foundation Board Member, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) (since 2002)
- Board Member, Olympic Truce Foundation (since 2002)
- Member, IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education (since 2005)
- Member, IOC 2008 Beijing Co-ordination Commission (since 2002)
- Member, IOC Sport & Environment Commission (2002-2005)
- Member, IOC Congress 2009 Commission (since 2006)



- President, International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) (1998-2002)
- Chairman, Classification Committee, Basketball Section ISMWSF (1984-1988)
- Chairman, Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association (1977-1980, 1984-1987, 1989-1994)

### **Professional Career**

- Performance Director, GBWBA Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team (1998-2002)
- Chief Executive Officer, International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (1994-1998)
- Company Secretary, British Coal Corporation (1986-1991)

### **Education**

- Bachelor of Arts in Geography (Honours), Manchester University (1969-1972)

### **Languages**

- English, French, German (basic)

### **Hobbies**

- Wine enthusiast, gardening and sports