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SUMMARY**

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1. Exchange Partners

	Partner 1	Partner 2
Name and Surname	Rositsa STOYKOVA	Arnaud DAVIRE
Job title	Editor-in-chief	Founder and manager
Organisation / Media	<i>disabledsportsbg.com</i>	<i>sportethandicaps.com</i>

2. Summary

Several thousands of kilometers from each other Saif Rehman and Michael Jeremiasz live different realities. The former professional cricket player, the Pakistani settled in Bulgaria and his favorite sport was so absent in his new country that he decided to import it in a new form – accessible for all. Today hundreds of young people – mentally disabled or blind – are practicing cricket and know slowly the “normal” life. Michael Jeremiasz knows the top-level sport. Since 2003 he is among the best wheelchair tennis players on the planet. Access to sport for all is also a concern for him. The sport helped him to be independent and he created an association whose purpose is to organize trips where healthy and disabled people know each other through sport. Both Saif and Michael are convinced that the inclusion through sport is only possible by combining human will and technical and financial resources.

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3. *Biographies of the authors*

ROSITSA STOYKOVA - *Bulgaria*

Editor-in-chief - **Disabledsportsbg.com** - www.disabledsportsbg.com

Disabled sports in Bulgaria

The web site Disabledsportsbg.com was launched in October 2013. It's main goal is to make the problems of the disabled people in Bulgaria visible and to initiate discussion about how the state and the society could contribute for their inclusion back in the society. Disabledsportsbg.com wants to establish a standard of good practices concerning writing about people with disabilities and the attitude toward their abilities. One of the means to do this is to publish the articles about the disabled people first in the mainstream media and later on in our web page. At the moment for disabledsportsbg.com are working only three journalists but I hope we will grow fast and attract much more professionals who want to be involved in the topic.

I have been working as journalist for more than 20 years. At the moment I am editor-in-chief of the web site disabledsportsbg.com and editor of the biggest sports newspaper in Bulgaria 7 Days Sport. I have graduated as master in journalism from the Faculty of Journalism of the Sofia University, later as master of Media and Intercultural Relations from the University of Viadrina, Frankfurt-on-Oder, Germany. In 2007 I became a doctor of philosophy in political science. My interest in the issues in discrimination and diversity dates back in the nineties, when I was working as researcher and editor for the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee – the biggest human rights organization in Bulgaria.



ARNAUD DAVIRE - *France*

Director - **Sport Handicaps**



Sport Handicaps édite le premier site d'information sportive francophone dédié au handicap : Sportethandicaps.com. Lancé en 2008, ce site est aujourd'hui une référence dans le domaine du handisport et du sport adapté. Partenaire de la Fédération Française Handisport ce média rend compte de l'actualité nationale et internationale.

Journaliste spécialisé dans le handisport. Tire son expérience d'une carrière d'entraîneur de haut niveau en athlétisme handisport achevée en 2005 après avoir accompagné de nombreux athlètes en équipe de France dans le cadre de championnats d'Europe, du Monde et des Jeux Paralympiques d'Athènes. Écrit depuis pour différents supports spécialisés dans le sport et le handicap. A créé en 2008 le premier site internet francophone d'information sportive dédié au handicap : Sportethandicaps.com. A couvert de nombreux événements sportifs dont les Jeux Paralympiques de Pékin et de Londres.



