



News Letter

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Dear skaters, parents and future skaters,

The past year has been an exceptional, challenging and very successful time. Our skaters and coaches have achieved, due to all their hard work and commitment, fantastic results. These achievements would not have been possible without the precious support of all the parents, for which our club expresses its deepest gratitude.

We are delighted to announce the exciting news that we have two new international coaches joining us for the new season. Our new head coach will be Ulla Papp, and she will be supported by our new coach, Alexander Liubchenko. They are both impatient to meet you! Please join us in wishing them a very warm welcome to Luxembourg. We have included each of their bios in the following pages of the newsletter.

We would also like to welcome four new members to the committee this year, they are: John Chalmers, Diana Codritchi, Laurent Dimanche and Carmel McGovern. All of our committee members are listed on our website: www.skating.lu Every committee member is working together with our coaches and members to accomplish even more this year and we count on your enthusiasm and help to start a successful 2017/18 season together.

Subscriptions for the new season will open shortly. Further information on how to subscribe will be communicated closer to the time on our website. We look forward to welcoming you all to our introduction week beginning on September 8th 2017.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy summer.

Kindest regards,
Committee Members, Club Hiversport-Patinage Luxembourg asbl

Bio: Ulla Papp, Head Coach



Ulla comes originally from Finland. She has lived the last 10 years in Canada, Vancouver where she has been coaching figure skaters and giving counselling sessions, specialising in anxiety and sports related issues. Ulla has her Masters in Sports physiology and counselling. She is also a teacher. She has her level 5 European Masters degree in coaching.

In Canada she has her International and World level coaching degree. Ulla has been coaching internationally in Finland and in Canada. She has also had her own camps in Finland, Iceland and in Mexico. Ulla spends the Summer months with the ICE-DOME team in Finland, Germany and Italy.

Ulla has four adult children. Three of them have attended the ISU Jr. Worlds in figure skating. Both Ulla's sons still skate internationally representing Finland. Ulla's daughter has been a professional figure skater at the Royal Caribbean cruise line. Ulla loves to work with children and young adults.

Ulla is looking forward to building a strong system for Luxembourg. She is experienced and has taught in many different systems and wants to make Luxembourg a strong team coaching environment with mutual trust, understanding and happiness.

Bio: Alexander Liubchenko, Coach



Alexander Liubchenko is originally from the Ukraine and he joins us directly from Sports de Glace, Bordeaux, France, where he has been coaching figure skating for the past three years.

Alexander started figure skating when he was 4 years old and continued to skate to become a very successful junior and senior competitive figure skater winning many titles for Ukraine from 1996 to 2012. Alexander then began skating for France from 2012 to 2014.

He began acrobatic ice skating in 2013, in France and has performed in top world ice shows recently as follows: Kings on Ice and Denis Ten and Friends. Alexander has been coaching world class skaters at the Ice Planet, summer camp in Andorra.

Alexander is the holder of the Guinness World Record for the longest ice-skating backflip, which was recorded in Limoges France, on the 23rd June 2014. Aleksander holds the title: Master of Sport, Ukraine.