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## PARIS HOSTED 1ST GRAND PRIX WORLD PARA ATHLETICS 2017 AT CHARLETY STADIUM

### IN PREAMBLE OF PARALYMPICS 2024

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**USPA NEWS** - The French Federation Handisport hosted a sporting how of a global competition, with an international dimension. In the legendary stadium of Stade Charlety in Paris will be held the third edition of the French Championships of athletics handisport, on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 May 2017. The event will host more than 400 French and international athletes this year and will become one of the nine stages of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, the official competition circuit of the International Paralympic Committee. Laura Flessel, newly appointed French Minister of Sports and Emmanuelle Assmann, Chairman of Paralympic Games in France attended the event, and answered questions to the media during a press conference. The two ladies are Olympic fencing champions

### 1ER GRAND PRIX WORLD PARA ATHLETICS DE PARIS MAY 2017-----

The 30th and 31st of May took place at the Paris stadium Charlety, the third edition of the Handi Open Paris, the rendezvous of athletics handisport organized by the Federation. This very important handisport event will bring together medal athletes from 15 different countries! It represents the ninth "World Para Athletics Grand Prix", and promotes the candidacy of Paris for the organization of the Olympic and Paralympic Games of 2024. The deliberations will take place in September.

Two press conferences took place on the first and second day. Attached are the abridged questions of those two press points.

In addition to the competition, a large "Citizens-Sport" village will aim to raise awareness of the disability and the values of the sport children and adults. The Sports Village and Citizen has again offered to the public and groups, with a double capacity! The French Radio (leader in disability) Radio Vivre FM, as a partner of the event, conducted interviews with leaders of the The French Federation of disabled people, sports minister Laura Flessel, chairman of the Paralympic committee, Emmanuelle Assmann, as well as athletes, champions and organisers. During the championship, this was transmitted live from the Charlety stadium during the first day of the competition. More and more activities will help to raise public awareness of disability, the values "of sports and the disabled movement through stands dedicated to citizenship, athletics and handicapped practices, with scenarios. The event was thus Renamed HANDISPORT OPEN PARIS, and is also part of an approach to support the bid for Paris, for the organization of the Olympic and Paralympic Games of 2024. I personally enjoyed attending and serving this very warm and very well organized event about Athleticism and Disability, mingling with exceptional athletes, and feeling to participate, exchange and vibrate with them.-----

### BIOGRAPHIES OF LAURA FLESSEL, EMMANUELLE ASSMANN AND FREDERIC DELPY-----

BIOGRAPHY OF LAURA FLESSEL : French Minister of Sports

Born on 6 November 1971 in Pointe-à-Pitre (Guadeloupe) DOM TOM (French West Indies)

Professional curriculum

Mental coach, graduate MEE (Management of Excellence Team)

International Coach at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

General manager of club Clichy Fencing

Presenter of the program "They are France" - Channel Number 23

Consultant for Canal + at the Rio 2016 Games

Member of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council

Member of the National Sports Council

Chair of the Ethics and Values "of Sport Committee

Women's 24H Initiator

RECORDS AND MEDALS

Fencing champion (sword)

Quintuple Olympic medalist

Sextuple world champion

European Champion  
 18 times champion of France  
 Volunteering  
 Member of the Bid Committee Paris 2024  
 Member of the Women's Foundation Committee  
 Ambassador of AMREF  
 Handicap International's godmother  
 Ambassador of the association 1 Maillot pour la Vie  
 Sponsor of the Gay Games Paris 2018  
 Sponsor of C-Lyne's Lutins  
 Ehlers-Danlos National Union of Syndromes Sponsor  
 Ambassador of the international organization Peace & Sport-----  
 BIOGRAPHY OF EMMANUELLE ASSMANN : Chairwoman French Paralympic Committee-----  
 Born on 27 October 1974  
 President of the French Paralympic and Sports Committee (CPSF)  
 Knight in the National Order of Merit (2004)  
 Knight in the National Order of the Legion of Honor (2014)  
 Sept 2013 President of the French Paralympic and Sports Committee (CPSF)  
 And Secretary General of the French Handisport Federation (made available by the EDF Group)  
 Oct 2012 / Sept 2013 Regional Director ERDF in Picardie Communication Manager  
 Jan 2009 / Sept 2012 Regional delegation EDF Normandie Communication officer  
 2008: Diplôme Inter-Universitaire - Master's degree "Compétences cadre, option transversal skills" April 2005 / December 2008 EDF SA  
 Project manager in the sports sponsorship department of the Communication Department 2005: Bachelor's Degree in Information and Communication - Université Paris XIII  
 Oct 2002 Fondation Electricité de France Project Assistant  
 1998-2002 French Federation Handisport  
 Department Assistant (Communication and Administration-Finance)  
 1994-1996 Office Notarial de Chelles (77) Notary public  
 1994: Diploma of Clerk of Notary third category of the School of Notaries of Paris  
**RECORD AND MEDALS**  
 Former high-level fencer  
 Team bronze medalist at the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games 2004 European vice-champion at the individual sword  
 BIOGRAPHY OF FREDERIC DELPY : Chairman of French Handisports Federation-----  
 45 years old, born in Orléans, married, 2 children  
 Profession: Coordinator of sports equipment of the City of Fleury-les-Aubrais (45)  
 Handicap: arthrogryposis, blocking of the articulations of the lower body.  
**RECORD AND MEDALS**  
 4 medals at the Paralympic Games.  
 He participated in the Paralympic Games in Barcelona 92, Atlanta 96 and Sydney 2000.  
 1990 World Champion, 1999 European Champion in Swimming for Handisport  
  
 His involvement in sports  
 - Member of the Board of Directors of the French Handisport Federation in 2013  
 - President of the Center-Val-de-Loire Regional Disability Committee since 2010  
 - President of the Comité Départemental Handisport du Loiret, from 2001 to 2013  
 - Member of the Regional Olympic and Sports Committee of Center-Val-de-Loire  
 - Gold Medalist Youth & Sport, 2000  
 - Medalist of the National Order of Merit in 1996

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