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## **Continental Report – Americas’ August 2017**

### **Membership**

There are 15 paid Training Centre members and 3 Individual members of the Americas’ continent. Most of these members are from the USA and Canada and there is a need to focus on South and Central America. The newest Training Centre member is UWI Blackbirds High Performance Centre – Barbados (approved Conference call September, 28 2016). Individual Members include Tracy Lamb, Anne Merklinger and Lane McAdam.

### **2018 Americas’ Continental Forum**

The search for a host for the IV Americas Continental Forum to be held in 2018 has identified the USOC as a potential host for this event in Colorado Springs. Debbie will meet with Aron McGuire during the 2017 Elite Forum in Durban to confirm. The Fall of 2018 is the proposed timeline.

### **2017 IPC Vista Scientific Conference – Toronto – September 20 – 23, 2017**

Just a reminder that the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario (CSIO) will host the International Paralympic Committee’s Scientific Conference at the CSIO in partnership with the Canadian Paralympic Committee. One of the goals of the conference is to create a unique opportunity for sport science and sport medicine practitioners, researchers, coaches, trainers, etc, to exchange information in Paralympic sport.

This focus of the ASPC has been on Olympic Training Centres to date, and this event is an excellent opportunity to be more proactive in Paralympic sport. Please encourage our sport science and medicine practitioners to attend!

<https://www.paralympic.org/vista-2017>

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