



Special Olympics

December 28, 2011

Gaļina Kaņējeva
Chair, Board of Directors
Special Olympics Latvia

Dear Ms. Kaņējeva:

As the Chairman of the global Special Olympics movement, it is my honor to inform you that Special Olympics Latvia has been granted accreditation for the period of 1 January 2012 through 31 December 2013.

The enclosed Certificate of Accreditation confirms that Special Olympics Latvia has been granted the rights and responsibilities of an accredited Special Olympics Program, in accordance with the *Special Olympics Official General Rules* and other Uniform Standards. Accreditation emphasizes our shared commitment to Special Olympics' mission to provide high-quality sports training and competition for as many as possible of the world's citizens with intellectual disability.

As a Special Olympics Program, you do even more than bring the joy of sports to persons with intellectual disability: you provide life-transforming experiences for athletes, coaches, and volunteers alike; you encourage a powerful spirit of volunteerism in communities; you foster peace and understanding; you help establish human rights; and ultimately, you send messages of compassion, inclusion, and acceptance for all. By performing these services your Program allows Special Olympics athletes to work at their best and, in turn, they help us see the world differently and create a world of beauty without vanity, victory without conquest, and respect without judgment.

This accreditation carries with it the hopes of all current and future Special Olympics athletes and their families throughout Latvia. I congratulate the Board members, staff, and volunteers of Special Olympics Latvia for your dedication to the development and growth of the Special Olympics movement. Thank you not just for joining us in our vision, but for helping us to make it a reality.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Shriver, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board