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## PARALYMPIC PHOTO EXHIBITION

A photo exhibition with 47 images from the Paralympic Games in Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000 and Salt Lake City 2002 was officially opened on 17 August 2002 in Damme, Belgium. Thousands of people came to see the very successful exhibition, with some weekends seeing over 900 visitors.

All images were taken by Lieven Coudenys, one of the two Official IPC photographers. In this exhibition, Coudenys presents images of different Paralympic sports and of athletes with different disabilities. He not only gives an insight into Paralympic sport, but at the same time

depicts true sporting heroes.

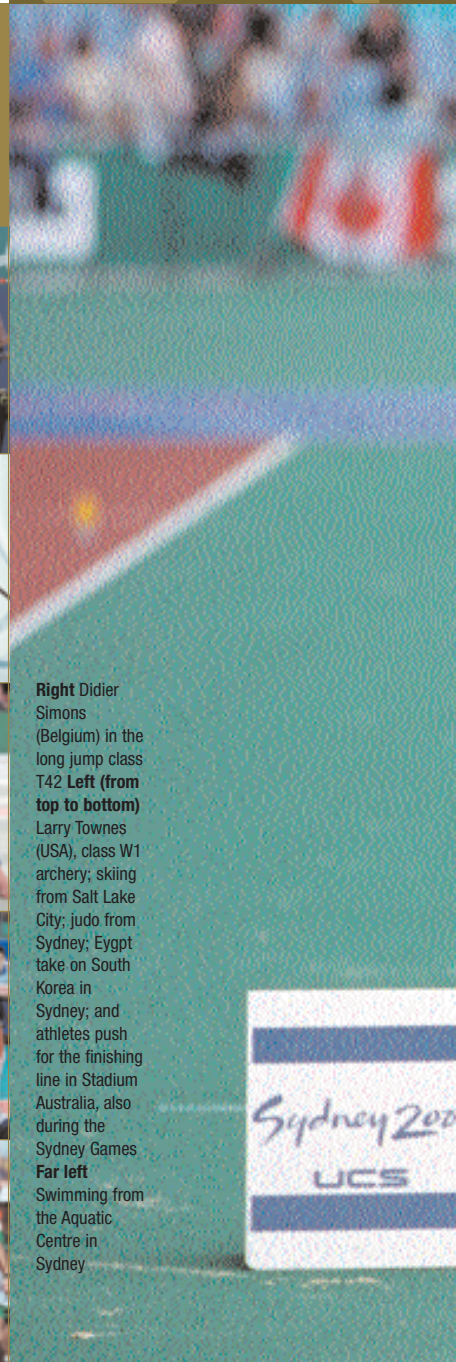
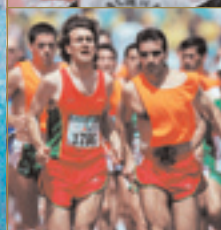
"I tried to capture the ultimate moment of passion, determination and excellence of these elite athletes with a disability", says Coudenys. "For many, elite sport for athletes with a disability still raises a lot of questions and that's what I wanted to change with this exhibition – by showing the images to as many people as possible. It's a wonderful experience to be part of the Paralympic Games, because time and time again you are amazed by these athletes and the positive atmosphere."

After the exhibition in Belgium, Coudenys donated the

photos to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). Since then this exceptional exhibition has toured Europe (eg, Denmark, Sweden, Greece, Germany, Italy) with great response. The selected images of the exhibition were taken from a collection of thousands, which Coudenys has taken at the Paralympic Summer and Winter Games.

For more information and to view all photos please visit his website at <http://www.coudenys.be>

Please contact the IPC (Miriam.Wilkens@paralympic.org) should you be interested in hosting the Paralympic Photo Exhibition.



**Right** Didier Simons (Belgium) in the long jump class T42 **Left (from top to bottom)** Larry Townes (USA), class W1 archery; skiing from Salt Lake City; judo from Sydney; Egypt take on South Korea in Sydney; and athletes push for the finishing line in Stadium Australia, also during the Sydney Games **Far left** Swimming from the Aquatic Centre in Sydney

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