

2013 IPC Alpine Sking World Championships, La Molina, Spain

Improving Winter
Paralympic Sport Coverage

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Two interviews conducted for English Wikinews, including one with a high profile Spanish personality who participates in the sport.
- IPC Alpine engaging reporters on Twitter.
- Over 13,000 views of Wikinews articles covering the event.
- Experience gained on English and Spainish Wikinews for doing bilingual interviews by a member of the Spanish speaking community.
- Over 10,000 views on English and Spanish Wikipedia for articles created and improved for the project in February.
- Multiple conversations held with various people about Wikimedia volunteer efforts to improve Winter Paralympic content. This included people inside the IPC, the CPE, media, skiers and locals in La Molina.
- Produced more Wikinews and Wikipedia content, and shared more pictures than traditional media, which excludes Olympic specific news sites and NPCs.
- Wikinews coverage of some skiers was the only media coverage they received during and for their participation in the competition. Examples include Ralph Green and Christopher Devlin-Young of the United States, Mitchell Gourley of Australia, Corey Peters of New Zealand, and Laura Valeanu of Romania.



CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

- 20 English Wikinews articles published about the 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships.
- 3 Spanish Wikinews articles published.
- 101 para-alpine skiers photographed with their pictures uploaded to Commons. Average skier has 5.8 pictures of them.
- Wikipedia articles on 11 different Wikipedias updated to include pictures, video or audio featuring 25 different skiers from the 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships.
- Articles created or updated on English and Spanish Wikipedia about every notable Spanish competitor at the 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships.
- 16 English Wikipedia articles created about Spanish Paralympic sport and Spanish disability skiers.
- 10 Spanish Wikipedia articles created about the Paralympic movement in general, para-alpine skiing and Spanish disability skiers.
- 10 English Wikipedia DYKs between 16 and 28 February.
- Several articles about Para-alpine skiing classification on English Wikipedia elevated to Good Articles.



CONVERSATIONS

While in La Molina, there were several important conversations held for a period of five or more minutes specifically discussing the Winter Paralympic sport efforts on Wikimedia projects. They include:

- 19-Feb conversation with a New Zealand Paralympic Committee coach where we talked about the interview with Adam Hall in Colorado and how the coach had read some of the Australian reporting from London Paralympics.
- 20-Feb conversation with IPC President Sir Philip Craven where we briefly mentioned project and how articles are reliable.
- 21-Feb conversation with CPE Chef-de-mission where we talked about work done in Australia and desire to replicate it in Spain.
- 21-Feb conversation with a USA Paralympic skier where we talked about interviewing people in Colorado and how Wikimedians interviewing people is great experience for everyone to gain more relevant experience in area of expertise.
- 25-Feb conversation with Irene Villa following the interview where we discussed Wikipedia, the value of using Wikipedia and Wikinews to promote disability and women's sport.
- 26-Feb conversation with a French photographer about the work done in London, copyright issues on Commons, and the value of Wikipedia classification articles in understanding Paralympic sport.



TWITTER REFERENCES

One of the ways to measure reach of Wikimedia work is to check the number of links made on Twitter. It can give an idea of community support by showing how often participants link out, and if others are finding and linking to this content.

With efforts to cover the 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships, with a focus on Spanish competitors, started in early February, the total number of links to English and Spanish Wikipedia and Wikinews on Twitter was tracked using Topsy. Tracking 65 articles across these four projects, the most linked to content was "Wikinews interviews Irene Villa" on English Wikinews, which had 8 links shared by four contributors. 27 articles had links shared by 11 total users between 1 and 28 February. The average user had 7,940 followers. This number is skewed high because two of the eleven had huge follower counts including @wikinoticias with 75,422 followers and @_irenevilla_ with 16,542 followers. Despite the large follower counts, their links on Twitter did not necessary translate into actual traffic.

Beyond these links to Wikinews and Wikipedia, the IPC Alpine Skiing retweeted a link to Commons content and engaged with Wikinews reporters on Twitter. Wikinews reporters also tweeted to skiers before and during the event about their work.



TWITTER REFERENCES

The table below includes the list of all the relevant content that has been linked to on Twitter, how many times it was linked to and who linked to it between 1 February and 1 March.

Project	Language	Article	Tweets	Tweeters
Vikinews	English	Wikinews interviews Irene Villa	8	purplepopple, _irenevilla_, mse wikinews
Wikinews	Spanish	Sorpresas en el _segundo_día_del Campeonato del Mundo IPC de esquí alpino	5	fca_andrei, panama24sie7e, wikinoticias, msefi, madricr
Nikipedia	English	Teresa Silva	5	_irenevilla_, taramacphail, mset purplepopple, didyouknowwp
Wikinews	English	2013_IPC_Alpine_Skiing_World Championships preparations underway	4	swisstransport, purplepopple, wikinews
Wikinews	English	Wikinews interviews Spanish_para-alpine skier Úrsula Pueyo	4	wikinews, purplepopple, msefi, dcprofessor1
Wikinews	English	France_finishes_2013_IPC_Alpine World Championships on top_of_medal_ladder	3	wikinews, msefi, france_paris_
Wikinews	English	Australia's_Mitchell_Gourley_finishes up_at 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	2	wikinews, purplepopple
Wikinews	English	France leads_medal count after third competition day of 2013 IPC Alpine World_Championships	2	wikinews, purplepopple
Wikinews	English	Romanian skier_debuts_at_2013_IPC Alpine World Championships	2	wikinews, purplepopple
Wikinews	English	South_Korean_Jae_Rim_Yang_finishes_fifth at IPC Alpine World_Championships	2	wikinews, purplepopple
Wikinews	English	Spaniard_Jon_Santacana_wins downhill at 2013 IPC Alpine World_Championships	2	wikinews, msefi
Wikinews	English	Team_USA_delivers_going_into third_day_of 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	2	wikinews, purplepopple
Wikinews	English	Austria leads_medal_count_after_second day of 2013 IPC Alpine World_Championships	1	wikinews
Wikinews	English	Austria regains medal leadboard after fourth competition day of 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	wikinews
Wikinews	English	Austria_wins_friendly_team_competition_at_end_of_2013_ IPC_Alpine_World_Championships	1	wikinews
Wikinews	English	IPC_Alpine_World_Championship_reschedules_Super- G_owing_to_weather	1	wikinews
Wikinews	English	Second_day_at_IPC_Para-alpine World_Championships at La Molina delivers surprises	1	wikinews
Wikinews	English	Slovak_Henrieta_Farkašová_wins_downhill_event_at_2013_ IPC_Alpine_World_Championships	1	wikinews
Wikinews	English	Women_deliver_for_Team_GB_at_2013_IPC_Alpine_World_ Championships	1	wikinews
Wikinews	-	Concluye_el_Campeonato_del Mundo IPC de Esquí Alpino 2013	1	msefi
Wikipedia Wikipedia	English	Andrés Boira Arnau Ferrer	1	didyouknowwp didyouknowwp
Wikipedia Wikipedia	English	Carme García Irene Villa	1	didyouknowwp didyouknowwp
Wikipedia Wikipedia	English	Jon Santacana Maiztegui Miguel Galindo Garces	1	purplepopple didyouknowwp
Wikipedia Wikipedia	_	Ramón Homs Spanish Paralympic Committee	1	didyouknowwp didyouknowwp



TWITTER REFERENCES

The table below shows the follower totals and location of people who tweeted links to the 65 articles created for or connected with IPC Alpine World Championships content on Wikinews and Wikipedia.

Twitter users	Followers	Location	
wikinoticias	75,422	International	
irenevilla	16,542	Spain	
wikinews	3,839	International	
panama24sie7e	3,807	Panama	
dcprofessor1	1,130	United States	
purplepopple	818	Australia	
madricr	547	Spain	
msefi	295	Spain	
fca_andrei	259	Spain	
france_paris_	239	France	
didyouknowwp	235	International	
swisstransport	70	Switzerland	
taramacphail	19	Australia	



FACEBOOK REFERENCES

Both English Wikinews and Spanish Wikinews have official Facebook fan pages where contributors often push out the latest content published on the projects. Wikinews has 9,806 fans and Wikinoticias has 3,986 fans. as of 1-Mar. The table below documents the number of likes and comments to individual stories on their pages when a link was pushed out.

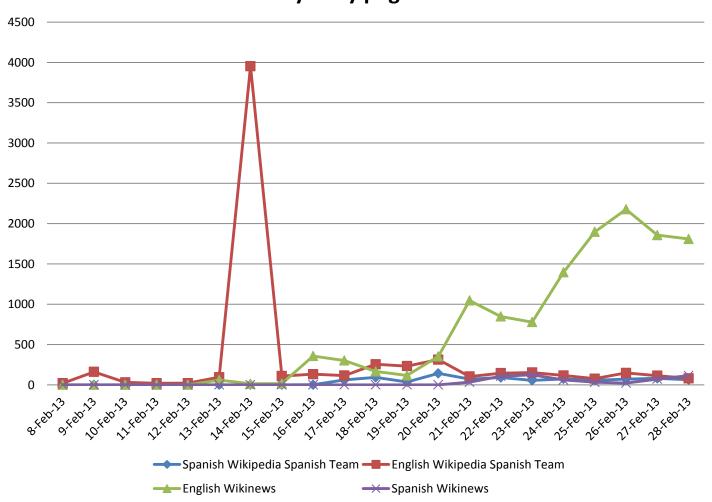
English 20	Article	Likes	Comments
English St	2013 IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships preparations underway	1	0
Eligiisii 3	paniard Jon Santacana wins downhill at 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	0
English Sl	llovak Henrieta Farkašová wins downhill event at 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	0
English Se	econd day at IPC Para-alpine World Championships at La Molina delivers surprises	2	0
English S	pain starts 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships with first and fifth place finishes	1	0
English IF	PC Alpine World Championship reschedules Super-G owing to weather	2	0
English A	Austria leads medal count after second day of 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	2	0
English Fi	rance leads medal count after third competition day of 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	1
English R	Romanian skier debuts at 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	0
English W	Vomen deliver for Team GB at 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	0
English A	Austria wins friendly team competition at end of 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	0
English W	Vikinews interviews Irene Villa	1	0
English A	Australia's Mitchell Gourley finishes up at 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	0
English A	Austria regains medal leadboard after fourth competition day of 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	0
English Fi	rance finishes 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships on top of medal ladder	3	0
English W	Vikinews interviews Spanish para-alpine skier Úrsula Pueyo	1	0
English So	outh Korean Jae Rim Yang finishes fifth at IPC Alpine World Championships	2	0
English To	eam USA delivers going into third day of 2013 IPC Alpine World Championships	1	0
Spanish El	el español Jon Santacana se convierte en el primer campeón en los Mundiales de Esquí Alpino IPC 2013	0	0
Spanish C	Concluye el Campeonato del Mundo IPC de Esquí Alpino 2013	0	0
Spanish So	orpresas en el segundo día del Campeonato del Mundo IPC de esquí alpino	0	0



WIKIMEDIA VIEWS

The graph below gives an idea of the relative popularity of English Wikipedia, English Wikinews, Spanish Wikipedia and Spanish Wikinews on a daily basis for people looking for information about the IPC Alpine World Championships. English and Spanish Wikipedia totals are only for members of the Spanish team competing at the event. English and Spanish Wikinews include all articles produced about the event.

Wikimedia totaly daily page views: La Molina





WIKIPEDIA: ARTICLES CREATED

On Spanish Wikipedia, Raystorm created a number of articles focusing on general Paralympic sport, paraalpine skiing and Spanish disability skiers. Articles she created include Esquí alpino paralímpico, Clasificaciones paralímpicas de esquí alpino, B2 (clasificación), LW1, Ludwig Guttman, Jon Santacana, Gabriel Gorce, Miguel Galindo Garcés, Úrsula Pueyo, and Nathalie Carpanedo. Every notable Spanish competitor at the event now has a Spanish language Wikipedia article. Clasificaciones paralímpicas de esquí alpino is being prepped for future nomination as a Good Article.

On English Wikipedia, most of the core articles about para-alpine skiing had already been created including articles about para-alpine skiing, classification articles and articles about para-alpine skiing at the Winter Paralympics. Thus, the emphasis for article creation and improvement for this project was on Spanish disability skiers. Every Spanish competitor at the event now has an English Wikipedia article.



WIKIPEDIA: DID YOU KNOW

Articles about Spanish disability skiers and the Spanish Paralympic Committee were taken to Did You Know on English Wikipedia, appearing on the front page of Wikipedia. The stats show the number of page views on the day they appeared. As of the time of writing the report, some of the articles created for these efforts were still making their way through the DYK process. None of these DYKs included a picture and several appeared in the middle of the night for Spain. Two more became DYKs in early March including Nathalie Carpendo and Gabriel Gorce.

English Wikipedia Article	Views		Day
Miguel Galindo Garces		3816	14-Feb-13
Teresa Silva		981	24-Feb-13
Irene Villa		927	16-Feb-13
Carme García		906	27-Feb-13
Ramón Homs		396	28-Feb-13
Andrés Boira		312	17-Feb-13
Aleix Suñé		197	18-Feb-13
Spanish Paralympic Committee		155	19-Feb-13
Arnau Ferrer		143	18-Feb-13
Félix Aznar		116	18-Feb-13



WIKIPEDIA: DID YOU KNOW

The text of the DYKs appearing on Wikipedia were:

- ... that **Miguel Galindo Garces** won a gold medal at the 2010 Winter Paralympics, although he does not have a disability?
- ... that Spanish visually impaired guides Aleix Suñé,
 Félix Aznar and Arnau Ferrer all skied with blind paraalpine skier Gabriel Gorce?
- ... that ETA bombing survivor, author and para-alpine skier Irene Villa was a member of the first Spanish women's disability ski club?
- ... that visually impaired skier **Andrés Boira** represented Spain at the 2006 and 2010 Winter Paralympics with different ski guides?
- ... that Infanta Elena, Duchess of Lugo is the Honorary President of the **Spanish Paralympic Committee**?
- ... that following a paragliding accident that left
 Teresa Silva a paraplegic, she went on to create a disability sport organisation and is working to qualify for the 2014 Winter Paralympics in alpine skiing?
- ... that para-alpine skier and blind sailor **Carme García** has trouble living in Vigo, Spain, because of the occasional lack of streets with sidewalks?
- ... that **Ramón Homs** is a para-alpine LW6/8 classified standing skier who lost his arm in a motorcycle accident?



WIKINEWS SCREENCAPS

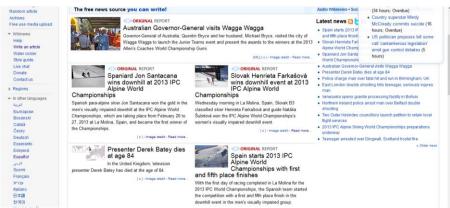










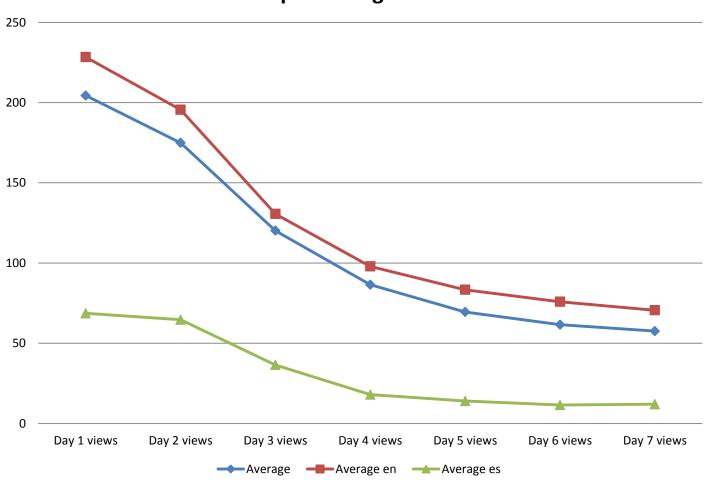




WIKINEWS VIEWS

Based on daily articles published with data current for 28-Feb, the graph below gives an idea of the views on English and Spanish Wikinews for articles relative to the date they were published on. It shows that predictably, interest in a news article peaks on the first day. Unlike most new sources though, English Wikinews maintains article traffic at a higher level than more traditional media. Daily average views on English Wikinews is comparable to daily views during the London Paralympics and IPC Nor-Am Cup for similar coverage.

Daily Wikinews views on IPC Alpine Champs relative to publishing date

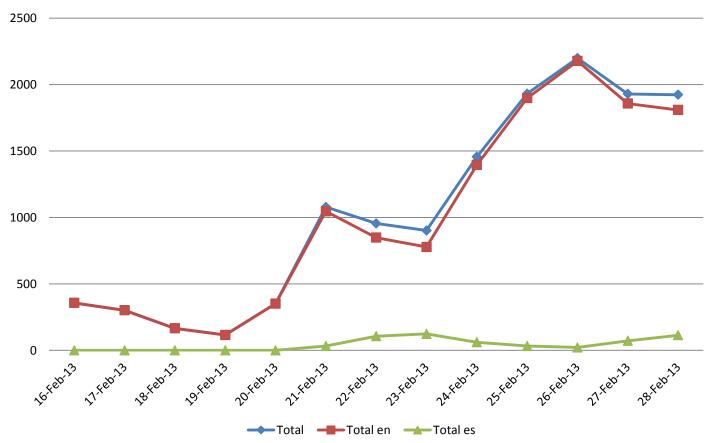




WIKINEWS VIEWS

Based on daily articles published, the graph below gives an idea of the cummulative views on English and Spanish Wikinews for articles as they first started getting pushed out on 16-Feb. 16 articles were published on English Wikinews and 3 were published on Spanish Wikinews in this period. Spanish Wikinews articles were published on 20-Feb, 22-Feb and 27-Feb. English Wikinews stories were published on 16 (1), 20 (3), 21 (2), 22 (1), 24 (3), 25 (3), 26 (3), 28 (1) of February and 1 (3) March. There were 13,756 views for event coverage on Wikinews between between 16 and 28 Feb.

Total daily Wikinews views





COMMONS: IMAGES

477 pieces of media were uploaded to Commons related to the IPC Alpine World Championships. This includes at least five audio files and ten video files. It includes pictures or video of 101 different para-alpine skiers from at least 15 different countries. It is highly probable that many of the skiers photographed will be competing at the 2014 Sochi Paralympics. This creates a ready to use selection of freely licenced media that will not be easily available at the Games themselves.





COMMONS: USAGE

Pictures of 24 skiers taken at La Molina were used on eleven different language Wikipedias including English, Spanish, Basque, Catalan, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish and Swedish. The skiers represented come from several different countries including Austria, Canada, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Slovakia and the United States. The average skier photographed at the event has 5.8 pictures of them on Commons. These pictures and their inclusion on articles aid in adding legitimacy to an article and encourage additional editors to contribute to the article the image is used on.

Videos of several skiers were included on relevant classification article on English Wikipedia in order to better illustrate what these classifications mean in practice. These can be found on LW2 (classification), LW6/8, LW9, LW11, LW12, B2 (classification), and B3 (classification).