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To: International Halliwick Association (IHA)

Dear members,

We would like to share with all of you this important reward received from the São Paulo State Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, recognizing the excellence of the [Halliwick Concept](#) for the inclusion and egalitarian access to the disable person.

Since 2005 at the Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute - Clinics Hospital, has welcomed more than 2000 people with or without disability and is giving the opportunity to enjoy the water activities, and learn to swim. With support from [Halliwick Brazil Association](#), this pioneer project in Brazil focus individual capacities and abilities, assisting people to recover their full potential.

The second edition of the "Premium Inclusive Actions for People with Disabilities" acknowledges successful practices to the social inclusion and citizenship of the disable people in 2011.



Dr. Linamara Rizzi Battistella - São Paulo State Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and [Mauricio Koprowski Garcia](#) - Chair of Halliwick Brazil [who](#) received the reward

The holistic approach of Halliwick bring together knowledge about: Water, the body, disability equity issues, motivation, challenge, teaching and learning, activities and games, groups, swimming strokes, socialization, physical, personal, recreational, social and therapeutic aspects. In addition, have an important impact on people's lives.



"Recognize and respect differences have a very special significance in the construction of citizenship. Implement inclusive actions have a direct impact on the quality of life of the people that make up a municipality. Moreover, is seeking to valorise these inclusive practices that the Government of the State of Sao Paulo rewards with visibility and public recognition who is helping with the construction of a better quality of life, autonomy, independence and social justice. We must move toward a society for all, were the opportunities are a reality. We refer to a quota that, in Brazil, corresponds to more than 45 million people and the State of Sao Paulo; approximately 9 million present some kind of disability. Our tributes to the prizewinners, finalists and to all enrolled, who, by means of these practices enshrining the right of all people with and without disabilities."

Linamara Rizzo Battistella
Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Government of the State of Sao Paulo

Our thanks for all people who help Halliwick to develop in Brazil.

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