



### **MARY DAVIS - Managing Director, Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia**

Mary Davis is MD of Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia. She is the former CEO of Special Olympics Ireland and prior to that she served as Chief Executive Officer for the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

As the largest sporting event in the world in 2003, the Special Olympics World Summer Games captured the hearts and imagination of the people of Ireland and brought acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

She became National Director of Special Olympics Ireland in 1989 and was Events Director of the 1985 European Special Olympics Games in Dublin. Prior to that Mary was a teacher with St. Michael's House in Dublin. Mary has served on many Special Olympics international committees and chaired the International Advisory committee for 4 years. She was one of the main driving forces behind Ireland's bid to host the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

Currently she serves on many committees and boards including the Irish Sports Council, Broadcast Commission of Ireland, ICS Building Society, Dublin Airport Authority, National Sports Campus Development Authority and The Irish Times Trust and in April 2006 was appointed by the Prime Minister in Ireland as Chair of the Taskforce on Active Citizenship. Mary has recently been appointed chair of the advisory committee to implement the recommendations of the Taskforce.

In November 2004 she was appointed by President Mary McAleese to serve on the Council of State for Ireland.

Mary has many and varied interests which include golf, running and outdoor pursuits which include completing the Liffey Descent Canoe Race, executing a parachute jump, completing the Puma Marathon series, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, completing the New York Marathon and representing the Irish Government to climb Mount Blanc on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 to celebrate the start of the EU Presidency in France. She also has a keen interest in antiques.

Mary is married to Julian Davis and has four children, two daughters and two sons.