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CHRISTOS TAMBAXIS WAS AWARDED THE SILVER MEDAL AT THE LONDON 2012 PARALYMPICS

The brave and wonderfully talented athlete Christos Tambaxis participated for the fifth time in his athletic career, at the London 2012 Paralympics summer games, winning a **silver medal!** After having participated and awarded gold medals at both the Athens Olympic games of 2004, and the Beijing Olympics in 2008, he was awarded the silver medal in the men's 50m backstroke, S1 category. The gold medal in the same category was won by Hennadii Boiko representing Ukraine.

This event was the cause of many complaints, and rightfully so, regarding the Ukrainian athlete who should have swam the S2 category instead of the S1 category, as it has been the case with all the other events before the London 2012 Paralympics games. Nonetheless, the spirit of the Olympic Games is absolutely represented by the dignified words of Christos, words which are proof of the quality of this superb individual and athlete:

"I tried my best to compete keeping the time made during my training sessions with my coach. I am greatly satisfied with the race and above all else with my medal, which as I have previously stated, is dedicated with all of my heart to the youths of Greece who continuously are faced with difficult times and challenges these last few years."

