

IASI EXECUTIVE



COMMITTEE

REPORT OF

PRESIDENT 2000

The last year has been a significant year for IASI commencing with the Annual Meeting in Valparaiso Chile that will be remembered not only for its excellent organisation but also for the fact that it was the realisation of a dream held by our deceased colleague Eugenia Salazar to hold the first IASI meeting in South America. Our thanks go to Professor Antonio Maurer and the Facultad de Educacion Fisica de la Universidad de Playa Ancha who helped make that dream a reality.

As a consequence of the meeting and in line with IASI's Working Program a number of activities have taken place during the year including:

IASI Website

The further development and reorganisation of the IASI website has taken place with the assistance of Jean-Michel Johnson and SIRC. For the first time the IASI Congress details were included on the website making it easier for potential participants to gain information.

Through the work of our colleague Laercio Pereira of the Universidade Catolica de Brasilia the IASI website is now also available in Portuguese. This means that the IASI website is now accessible in English, French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese which demonstrates that IASI is a truly international organization.

ICCSPE Relations

IASI has continued to maintain its relationship with ICSSPE and participated at the Pre-Olympic Scientific Congress in Brisbane Australia where IASI presented the highly successful Cybercafe. With IASI members present and the assistance of a staff member of the Queensland Academy of Sport IASI was able to promote sport information services to the large number of delegates who used the Cybercafe facility located prominently in the Trade Display area. In providing this facility the generous support of INSEP in providing signage and promotional cards for IASI must be recognised together with the work undertaken by the Australian Sports Commission staff who provided the subject guides to internet resources.

ICSSPE has formalised their request to IASI for the preparation of an issue of their publication Perspectives that will focus on Sports Information.

IOC Relations

IASI has continued its excellent relationship with the IOC which is evidenced by the fact that we are holding these meetings at the Headquarters of the IOC and have had the generous support of Nuria Puig and Noemi Monin for the past 12 months in preparation for the Congress. Not only has the IOC generously supported the IASI Congress both financially and in-kind but has enthusiastically developed the Program for the Workshop on Olympic and Sports Archives.

As a follow up to the successful Manual for a Sports Information Centre published by the IOC on behalf of IASI, IASI has now held discussions with Mr Filliau of the IOC Department for NOC Relations regarding the development of a searchable directory of sport information centres which would be included in the NOCs extranet. Mr Alain Poncet has agreed to coordinate this project on behalf of IASI.

IASI Congress Preparations

During the past year the Organising Committee and the Program Committee (Chaired by Bruno Rossi-Mori) have worked extremely hard to develop an excellent Congress Program. Their work is testimony to what can be achieved through electronic communication as most co-ordination of the Program has been achieved through email exchanges. Both the Organising Committee and the Program Committee are to be congratulated on their excellent work in preparation for what I am sure will be an outstanding Congress. Thanks must also go to Françoise Schenk and the University of Lausanne for their contribution to the Congress organization and preparations.

National and Regional Activities

Activities have continued in individual countries and all Regions throughout 2000, in Asia we have seen further issues of the ASIA Bulletin published and the launch of the ASIA website. In Australia the Australian Sport Information Network (AUSPIN) meeting took place and have subsequently published an electronic newsletter. In North America NASLIN has initiated a range of digitisation projects and is actively preparing for the next NASLIN meeting to be held in August 2001.

In Europe we are sad to report that the Clearinghouse for Sport For All Information has closed its doors. The closure is a great loss to the sport information community as the Clearinghouse was recognised throughout the world as a centre of excellence for the collection and analysis of sporting information. On behalf of IASI I would like to convey our best wishes for the future to those staff of the Clearinghouse who made such a valuable professional contribution to sport information.

Administrative matters

As many members will be aware IASI was informed by Mr Albert Remans in January this year that his employment arrangements had changed with the closure of the Clearinghouse For Sport for All Information and that he would no longer be able to undertake the duties of the IASI Secretary/Treasurer. Mr Remans had previously advised that he would not be standing for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the period 2001-2005, however his resignation from the Clearinghouse some 3 months prior to the IASI General Assembly has meant that interim arrangements have had to be put in place for the management of the affairs of IASI pending the appointment of a new Secretariat.

Mr Remans has meticulously documented the current and archival records of IASI and these have now been transferred to INSEP in Paris as an interim measure. Mr Remans has carried out all of the necessary financial audits for IASI and is passing on all records in a completed state.

Albert Remans has been an outstanding Secretary/Treasurer for IASI and he will be sadly missed.

In view of the sudden resignation from the Clearinghouse of Mr Remans and the likelihood that he would not be able to attend the IASI Meetings in Lausanne the IASI Presidium (in accordance with the IASI by-laws) convened in Canberra Australia to discuss interim arrangements for the Secretariat and preparations for the Lausanne meetings. A key task identified was the preparation for the IASI elections and therefore Jill Haynes was nominated as the Election Leader to ensure that all preparations were in order.

A full report of the Presidium Meeting was provided to the full IASI Presidium.

The Forthcoming Year

The year 2001/2002 will present a number of challenges to IASI particularly as a number of office bearers who have been involved in IASI for the past 10 or so years pass the running of the organization on to a new team. I have no doubt that this strong and vibrant organization which has a history of over 40 years will continue under new leadership to meet the challenges that being an information organization operating in the "Information Age" presents.

In conclusion I would like to thank the membership of IASI for your support, professionalism and friendship during my term as President of IASI.

Nerida Clarke
IASI President
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