

IASI PRESIDIUM
IASI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2001

Last year has been significant for IASI, mainly because of the important changes in the persons in charge : I mean the loss of Nerida and Albert who played such an important role in our association.

One of the main objectives at the beginning of this mandate was therefore to keep the IASI administration working.

The duties of the former Secretary-Treasurer were shared between two people, as has been decided in Lausanne in April 2001. A meeting took place in Paris in September 2001 to inform the new persons in charge about their tasks and prepare action for the coming months.

Administrative matters

Since then, we have concentrated on :

- Compiling, printing and distributing the Minutes of our statutory meetings in Lausanne in April 2001
- Clearing off the Lausanne Congress budget
- Transferring the IASI administrative archives to the care of Jose Aquesolo, our Executive Secretary, in Malaga, the new IASI head office, according to our statutes
- Rewriting, preparing, submitting and distributing the new IASI Statutes (voted on December 1st, 2001, by the General Assembly) and By-laws (voted on February 15th, 2002 by the Executive Committee) to the relevant bodies, thanks to the activity of the AdWg Statutes and By-laws
- Updating the IASI member list (October 2001), preparing and distributing the invoices for 2002 membership (undertaken by Anitta Palvimaki, our Treasurer)
- Contacting the Chamber of Commerce of Den Haag (Netherlands) where IASI is registered, in order to update all the data related to the official registration of IASI and obtain the receipt necessary to open a new bank account in Finland
- Relocating the IASI book-keeping and financial archives after Albert Remans's departure
- Establishing the year 2001 balance sheet, and auditing the accounts through the two auditors in Bonn, Hans Fleischer and Georg Anders (replacing Werner Sonnenschein who resigned)
- Contacting the Fortis Bank which manages IASI accounts, in order to prepare the transfer to a Finland bank
- Preparing the IASI 2002 annual meetings with the Executive Secretary and the local organizer (Maria-Lluïsa Berasategui).

IASI Relationships

- ICSSPE :

IASI has continued to maintain its relationship with ICSSPE. Firstly, Gretchen Ghent, our Publications Officer, has agreed to represent IASI on ICSSPE's Editorial Board, replacing Albert Remans. She attended the annual meeting in Manchester in August 2001, and accepted

the responsibility for co-ordinating a special issue of « Perspectives », an ICSSPE periodical to be published very soon, focused on Sports information, with a staff of IASI authors. Also, an article on the IASI Congress in Lausanne was published in the ICSSPE Bulletin (n°12, November 2001).

Secondly, IASI was represented at the annual ICSSPE meeting in Beijing in June 2001, and particularly on the Association board. Several further developments of our common actions were discussed e.g. the Human Kinetics programme and participation in the Montreal Cyber Café in June 2002.

- IOC :

After the Lausanne Congress organized thanks to the generous support of IOC, IASI has continued its excellent relationship with the IOC, and particularly with the NOC Relations Department as the setting up of the « World Directory of Centres of Expertise » demonstrates. This new sports information product, available on the net (on IASI and NOC extranet), has been created by IASI in co operation with the Olympic Studies Centre of Barcelona and with the support of INSEP. Thanks to a search engine, it offers quick and relevant replies from the 83 centres presently registered. I strongly recommend that all IASI centres be recorded in this Directory, using the appropriate form available on the website.

National and Regional activities

Activities have continued in many countries and regions throughout 2001 :

- In Asia, further issues of the ASIA Bulletin have been published and the ASIA website has been developed.
- In North America, NASLIN has organized its 8th Conference, and renewed its steering Committee. Congratulations to Gretchen Ghent who was re-elected as Chair. Over the year two issues of NASLINE were edited and distributed electronically to IASI-L. In the meantime the digitalizing activities have been carried out at NCAA and AAFLA, and the « Scholarly Sport Sites » has been updated. Lastly, contributions to SPORTDiscus have increased.
- In Oceania , the Australian Sport Information Network (AUSPIN) has published two issues of its newsletter and the NSIC has enhanced its electronic services.
- In Europe, IASI-Europe has reinforced its links with European Associations and particularly with ENSSEE (European Network of Sports Science, Education and Employment) and EASM (European Association for Sports Management). The IASI Vice-president for Europe, Ayala Maharik, and , have initiated a major activity to set up a new European project, PESIS (Pan European Sports Information Service): a multicultural and multilingual Sports information Service, available on the web, thanks to the co operation between eleven European sports associations/organizations, with the help of the European Commission (e-content programme DG XIII).

IASI Communication

- IASI website

The IASI website will still be the main medium of communication. Through the work of the AdWg « IASI website » chaired by our Publications Officer, Gretchen Ghent, with the assistance of Jean-Michel Johnson and SIRC, IASI website has been thoroughly reorganized to be more informative, content-rich and professional.

The French version was also updated.

- IASI Newsletter

Two issues of the Newsletter (nos 20 + 21) were published under the aegis of Gretchen Ghent.

The Forthcoming Year

After this year, despite a major reorganization of IASI responsibilities, many achievements have been realized thanks to the activity of the AdWg, and leaders in their region.

However, some objectives could not be attained and could constitute a priority for the coming year among the key tasks defined in the working program (Lausanne 2001).

1 – It is necessary to regain an administrative and financial working balance of the Association which will permit further development. The administrative structure of IASI must function correctly and above all, the problems of registration and effective transfer of the bank account must be solved.

2 – A marketing and communication plan in each region must be developed to raise membership by increasing the visibility and the credibility of the Association and strengthening the sense of belonging and the associative identity of IASI. In particular, publication of a new IASI brochure containing IASI aims and objectives, benefits for members, organizational structure, projects, activities and contacts, with a detachable part for regional information is essential.

3 – We must develop strategies for promoting sports information and encouraging creation of sport information centers in developing countries. To this end, the co operation with the IOC/NOC and Olympic Solidarity should be reinforced.

4 – We must serve the needs of the IASI members, providing regular and relevant communication and professional development. Here the AdWg on Member survey should be reactivated.

To conclude, I wish to thank all our members, those involved in projects, the members of the Managerial Unit, the Presidium and the Executive Committee for their valuable contributions and co operation during this past year.

I look forward to meeting you in Barcelona.

Alain PONCET
Super-Devoluy, February 24th, 2002