

Sport Information Activity in the North American Region: A Report to the IASI Annual Meeting Havana, Cuba, March 18-23, 2003

1. North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN) Activities

In May 2002, the Executive Council of the North American Society for Sport History was approached by a NASLIN representative (and Executive Council member) who put forward the advantages of NASLIN holding its two day conference in conjunction with the annual meeting of NASSH. The NASSH Executive Council agreed to experiment with a joint conference on a one time basis. Planning has advanced so that the NASLIN presentations and speakers have now been arranged. The following is the outline of the conference:

9th Conference, North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN) May 24-25, 2003 Held Jointly with the 31st Annual Conference of the North American Society for Sport History, May 23-26, 2003 Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Saturday, May 24

- NASLIN Keynote speaker,
Andy Geiger, OSU Athletic Director/Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
 - Title: The State of University Athletics Today
- **Tamar Chute**, Archivist, Ohio State University Archives
 - Title: Do you Have Anything on Football? Or the OSU Archives and Sports Researchers
- **Ted Hathaway**, Manager, INFORM Research Services & Co-Director, SABR's Baseball Index
 - Title: The First Base for Baseball Research: SABR's Baseball Index
- **Kevin Grace**, Archivist, Univ. of Cincinnati Library, Archives & Rare Books Dept.
 - Title: From Archives to Classroom: Documenting and Writing Cincinnati Sports History

Sunday, May 25

- **Bernie Kish**, Executive Director & **Kent Stephens**, Collections Manager, College Football Hall of Fame,
 - Title: The College Football Hall of Fame: Making Its Mark in South Bend
 - **Tam Dalrymple**, Manager, WorldCat Services Marketing, OCLC
 - Title: Getting a Kick Out of WorldCat: Sports Resources and More for Librarians and Users.
- Field Trip to the Ohio Historical Society & Muffins Baseball Game and Picnic

NASLINE

<http://www.sportquest.com/naslin/>

Two issues of NASLINE were published electronically this past year, No. 20, Sept. 2002 and No. 21, Feb. 2003. As mentioned in previous annual reports, these issues contained a large bibliography of new books, serials, conference proceedings selected with college and university collections in mind. Each issue

also describes websites of interest, new online sport publications and other sport information meant for the academic researcher.

Issues of NASLINE are distributed to over 280 North American librarians, to IASIS-L, the SportHist, NASSServ. SIRC maintains issues of NASLINE in PDF format.

2. Activities of Sport Librarians and Libraries in North America

Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles

<http://www.aafla.org/>

In issues of NASLINE it has been reported that AAFLA acquired the collections of the Ralph Miller Golf Library and the National Track and Field Research Collection. These collections have now been catalogued and are accessible via the AAFLA online catalogue and are also part of OCLC's WorldCat union catalogue.

Over the past few years AAFLA, under the leadership of Wayne Wilson and with a hard working staff, now is a major destination for web surfers and sport researchers. Their website is a leading source for sport history and Olympic information. During 2002, the AAFLA virtual library realized 1.25 million downloads of information from its large PDF files of Official Reports, sport periodical backruns and other digitized documents. The next project will be the digitizing of the Official Report from the Barcelona Olympics of 1992 now that permission has been granted.

3. Contributions to the SPORTDiscus

KinPubs and KinAbs

<http://kinpubs.uoregon.edu/index.html>

Kinesiology Publications (KinPubs) is the new name for the Microform Publications of Human Movement Studies, published by the International Institute for Sport and Human Performance at the University of Oregon. Henriette Heiny, IISHP Director also reports a change of name to their Microform Publications' Bulletin that will now be known as Kinesiology Abstracts (KinAbs). Cataloguing staff send 240 records yearly to SPORTDiscus for inclusion in the database.

From AAFLA, Shirley Ito has indexed 1553 records from Sports Illustrated for the SPORTDiscus database. These included at least a short sentence in Abstract field.

The records added to SPORTDiscus by this writer included the 60 sport articles from vol. 115, 2002 of *Maclean's* magazine, the Canadian news magazine. The Books on Demand project and the US monographic project were put on hold this year, due to the fact that Linda Wheeler at SIRC was undertaking a large record amalgamation project commencing with the monographic records. This project's goal is to combine into one monographic record the same titles from the online

catalogues of the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles, the Olympic Museum and Heracles in order to eliminate unnecessary duplication of records and to create one enhanced record. As an indexing alternative, this contributor undertook a comprehensive search of the Notes field in WorldCat, in order to find essays in collected works or chapters on sport topics in non-sport books. It appears that since the late 1980s, many monographic records list book contents, especially in edited works. This search found hundreds of possible sources and to date 123 book analytics have been submitted (the statistics includes two books that were fully analyzed also). The topics of these book analytics include essays on violence, college and university sport, stadiums, Basque, Japanese and Latin American sport history, women's sports, physical education, tourism, dance, religion, native people and a host of other topics.

4. Updating Scholarly Sport Sites: A Subject Directory (SSS)

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/ssportsite/>

Certain sections were totally updated. These included the Serials section where many new titles were added both in the online and the print serials. Serials titles that were ceased were moved to the Cessations section. In the Bibliography of Selected Fulltext Sport Publications the Exercise/Fitness/Nutrition section was changed to Exercise/Fitness/Physical Inactivity. Many new fulltext publications on physical inactivity were added. The other section where all URLs were checked for accuracy was the Museums and Halls of Fame listings. The Associations section was also updated throughout the year and those sport sciences associations without links were again searched for on Google.

Respectfully submitted,

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