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The year 2000 was dominated by the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and associated activities in the Oceania region.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC GAMES COLLECTION

The Sydney Olympic Games Organising Committee (SOCOG) Library disposed of their collection shortly after the completion of the Games. The collection was dispersed to a number of different agencies, including the New South Wales State Archives and the New South Wales State Library. The National Sport Information Centre, Australian Sports Commission also obtained a number of key documents from the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

The Sydney 2000 web site went down at the end of the year 2000. The National Library of Australia has archived snapshots of the web site at different times of the web site's life and will make the site available in the second quarter 2001. Full searching capability of the site will not be available, but the majority of the information will be available through drop down menus.

The National Library has also archived a number of other sites related to the Sydney Olympics. These are available at http://pandora.nla.gov.au/sport_recreation.html The National Library will also be archiving the 2001 Goodwill Games site.

OCEANIA SPORT INFORMATION CENTRE

2000 was a challenging year for the Oceania Sport Information Centre (OSIC), due to staff shortages, and to some extent the effects of the political crisis in Fiji.

OSIC was established in 1997, and a review is planned soon to examine how OSIC has worked towards the original objectives, and to plan future developments.

OSIC is working on a special project to create a highlight tape of all regional athletes who took part in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Recordings were made by the OSIC co-ordinator, who was part of the ONOC team to the Games, and copies of the tape will be given to all ONOC members.

AUSTRALIA

PRE-OLYMPIC CONGRESS - Internet Cafe

At the ICSSPE Pre-Olympic Congress held in Brisbane, Australia in September 2000, IASI planned and ran the Internet Café for delegates. The aim of the Internet Café was to raise the profile of IASI, promote sport information and to showcase IASI products and services provided by IASI members.

Support for the Internet Café was provided by Jill Haynes, Australian Sports Commission and Alain Poncet, INSEP with additional assistance from Maleah Harris,

Queensland Academy of Sport. The Internet Café was extremely popular with 544 delegates using the service over the 3 days of the Trade Show.

The primary use of the Café was for email, and due to the popularity of the service it was difficult to schedule sessions on individual sport information products. The fact sheets provided on sport information resources were very successful, and the web site where these reside has been promoted by ICSSPE since the event.
http://www.ausport.gov.au/nsic/lib/bookmark.htm

The IASI Internet Café was extremely successful and helped to raise the profile of sport information and IASI in the sports science and physical education community.

INDEXING FOR SPORT DISCUS

The National Sport Information Centre (NSIC), Australian Sports Commission contributed approximately 3000 records to the SPORT Database over the last 12 months. The NSIC has extended its commitment to archiving full text documents on its web site www.ausport.gov.au/fulltext and indexing these materials for the SPORT Database. Key policy documents from New Zealand, following agreement from the Hillary Commission are also being included in this area, and indexed for the database.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has just launched it's new web site at www.ausport.gov.au Many individual programs of the ASC have started to develop strong web presences, providing a great deal of valuable information, especially in the sports sciences field, see for example http://www.ais.org.au/nutrition

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand will be launching a whole of sport IT network on 24th April 2001. The service is aimed initially at sport administrators from club to national office level, helping them cut down the many manual tasks they currently undertake. Ultimately the service will be rolled out to participants.

A Sport, Fitness and Leisure Taskforce has recently handed down a report to the New Zealand Government reviewing how sport is structured and managed in New Zealand. The Taskforce report is still with Cabinet, but it is anticipated there will be some changes in the way sport is run in New Zealand.

The Hillary Commission and the National Sport Information Centre, Australian Sports Commission are examining ways to index additional New Zealand material for the SPORT Database.

AUSPIN

The Australasian Sport Information Network held their annual meeting in Melbourne in November, with all States of Australia and New Zealand represented.

One of the outcomes of the workshop was the creation of AUSPIN news, a newsletter aimed at our clients, outlining developments in the world of sport information. This can be found at www.ausport.gov.au/nsic/auspin/newsletter The newsletter will continue to be sent to the IASI listserv.