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INTERNATIONAL SPORT INFORMATION WORKSHOP

The major event for the past 12 months has been the Sport Information Workshop held in Perth, Western Australia on the 13th – 15th November 2002. Over thirty delegates attended the workshop with representatives from Fiji, New Zealand, South Africa, Mozambique, Singapore, Hong Kong, France and all States of Australia.

Keynote speakers were:

John Bloomfield – Sporting success: Australia's story.

Charl Durand – Introducing the knowledge products of the South African Sports Commission

Kerry Smith – Issues for the one person librarian in the sporting field

Jill Haynes – The national sport information system in Australia – a cooperative approach

Alain Poncet – French and European sport information system

The papers from the workshop are available at <http://www.ausport.gov.au/nsic/workshop.html>

The workshop provided an opportunity to look at strategies to enhance the delivery of sport information to the region. Sport information professionals from elite training centres, government departments, universities and sporting bodies were all represented at the workshop. Presentations on services offered from each of the participants was one of the highlights of the workshop

Evaluations of the workshop were very positive.

The workshop for 2003 will be an Australasian workshop held in Canberra. It is hoped to hold another regional international workshop by 2006.

OCEANIA SPORT INFORMATION CENTRE

The review of the Oceania Sport Information Centre conducted by Alan Cockerill of the National Sport Information Centre, Australian Sports Commission was presented to ONOC, the University of the South Pacific and OSIC in September 2002. The recommendations were discussed and a Strategic Plan was developed for the future direction for OSIC to 2004.

One of the recommendations was the development of a website for OSIC. This is now available at www.oceaniaspport.info. Albert Miller, the OSIC Coordinator has recently received training on how to update the website. It is intended the website will include records of the South Pacific Games, records that have been compiled by OSIC. This project required extensive research; OSIC is now the official archive of the South Pacific Games.

Other recommendations for the review concern the role OSIC and Albert Miller can take in the implementation of a sports distance education program for the ONOC region.

The South Pacific Games will be held in Suva, Fiji in June/July 2003. The University of the South Pacific where OSIC is located has been designated the Games village. This provides a unique opportunity to showcase OSIC and to provide a place for visitors to read, research, watch videotapes and access the Internet.

The IOC President, Mr Jacque Rogge made a special visit to OSIC on the 16th December 2002, he commented that OSIC was a worthwhile investment for the IOC.

AUSTRALIA

Major developments in Australia include the provision of access to two new databases, the Australian Sports Calendar a database of 2000 major events held in Australia or in which Australian teams are competing <http://www.ausport.gov.au/info/sportcalendar/> and the Australian Sports Directory a database of Australian national sporting organisations <http://www.ausport.gov.au/info/sportdirectory>

A union list of serial holdings for AUSPIN libraries has been placed on the web in an Excel spreadsheet. This is of great assistance for document delivery between members. This list is available from the AUSPIN site at <http://www.ausport.gov.au/nsic/auspin/>

Indexing for SPORT Discus

Almost 3000 records were contributed to SPORT Discus for the year 2002.

The full text area of the Australian Sports Commission's website continues to grow and a better method to index the material in the full text area will be investigated this year. The NSIC has been approached by the Court of Arbitration for Sport to archive the awards for the Oceania region in the full text area.

The library at the Melbourne Cricket Club is undergoing a move and major refurbishment as a result of the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) Northern side redevelopment. The library will open again in early April.

NEW ZEALAND

In New Zealand the new government body responsible for the development of sport and recreation is Sport and Recreation New Zealand, trading as SPARC. The new IASI member in New Zealand is Simon Chamberlain, Advisor, Information Management Systems at SPARC.

SPARC have initiated a number of IT-based knowledge projects. One of these is the development of an extranet providing access to the library catalogue, remote access to SPORT Discus and a facility for managing reference inquiries online.

Simon Chamberlain attended the international sport information workshop held in Perth and has also visited the National Sport Information Centre in Canberra. Australia and New Zealand are looking forward to further developing their strong relationship in the area of sport information.

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