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**Report from the IASI Annual Meeting, La Havana, Cuba,
March 18-22, 2003**

At the kind invitation of Mr Humberto Rodriguez Gonzales, President of INDER (National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation) and Esperanza Bobes Ruiz, Head of the CINID (Sports Information and Informatics Center), the IASI ExCo and members gathered together on March 18-22, 2003, for their annual meeting and seminar. On the first day the Presidential board met and in the evening, members were invited to the welcoming address by Vice-President of INDER, Mr. Roberto Marti Montero.

On Wednesday, March 19, the Seminar for Cuba's librarians, information professionals and IASI members was held and opened by Mr. Humberto Rodriguez Gonzales (for seminar details see separate section below). After the seminar, in the late afternoon, the ad hoc working groups and regional meetings were held.

On Thursday, IASI President Alain Poncet called the first session of the meeting to order. Reports were heard from the President and Managerial Unit in addition to discussion of the association's financial affairs. The Vice-Presidents, the regional networks and the Ad Hoc Working Groups also reported on the year's activities, followed by news of IASI's work with our allied organizations, the IOC, UNESCO, ICSSPE, ENSSEE, EASM. In the afternoon, the Open Forum, adeptly chaired by Esperanza Bobes, was held and resulted in 11 proposals to the ExCo.

Friday had a very full agenda that focused on the future work of IASI. The different Ad Hoc Working Groups were reviewed and the 2003-2004 working program was established from the results of this deliberations. Among the main topics discussed were:

- the members survey
- marketing strategies
- IASI 2005 World Congress in Beijing

At the end of this session the ExCo approved the 2003-2004 budget that supports all of the planned activities.

That evening the official banquet, hosted by M. Roberto Marti Montero, was held at a beautiful Havana restaurant.

On Saturday IASI members were taken on tours of important sport facilities. The first stop was the International Sports School, "Manuel Fajardo" Physical Culture Top Institute's Information Center, located in a Havana suburb. The second stop was the Sports Medicine Institute's Information Center where members had a tour of the impressive facilities and the library. In the afternoon IASI members visited the most typical city center of Havana.

On behalf of all IASI members we thank our hosts for all their hard work in organizing a memorable annual meeting.

Seminar: Advanced Technologies applied to Sports Information Centers, March 19, 2003

The President of INDER opened the Seminar. The first speaker Mr. Gerardo Garcia Cabrera (Cuba) presented a talk on the Cuban national policy of sports information. He was followed by Ms Esperanza Bobes Ruiz (Cuba), who spoke on the infrastructure of the sports information and documentation network in Cuba. Later, representing Ms. Gretchen Ghent (Canada) absent, Ms. Jill Haynes (Australia) read the paper on the North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN). Then the Dr. Melvyn Morales (Cuba) spoke on the information economy in the context of sport, followed by Ms. Jill Haynes (Australia) on the basic principles for planning a digital library. President Alain Poncet then spoke on the European platform of sport information project (EkoS). The final paper by Mr Masahiro Ueda (Japan) suggested that a new survey on sport participation be accomplished.



Taking a photo break during annual meeting deliberations in Havana

IASI's New Executive Secretary

Congratulations are extended to Ms Maria Lluïsa Berasategui, Director, Biblioteca de l'Esport in Barcelona for her appointment as the new Executive Secretary for IASI. Having shown her splendid organizational skills for the IASI annual meeting in 2001, Maria Lluïsa's talents are most welcomed in this position. Note her contact information in this newsletter's "header" above and her revised email address.

Farewell to Jose Aquesolo

"What the sport information world has lost is another organization's gain", so it is with great sadness that the sport information world says goodbye to Jose. For over a decade Jose has been a strong leader of the Spanish region's members in IASI and in Malaga. His contributions and leadership for Atlantes, the Spanish language sport database has been exceptional. All members of IASI will miss him very much. We wish Jose the best in his new career endeavors.



"Catching some rays" after an IASI meeting session in warm & sunny Havana

Other News Bytes

Sport Archive Network Proposal

By Kenth Sjöblom, Researcher, Sports Archives of Finland

(From a memo originally written in August 2002)

Introduction

The Workshop on Sport and Archives that was held prior to the IASI Congress in Lausanne, in April 2001, showed very clearly that there is a broad interest among sports information specialists and sports librarians to know more about archival matters and archival institutions. Information professionals can certainly agree with Cristina Bianchi, IOC Records and Archives Manager, when she pointed out that, "Although we all work with information, our tools and goals are different and we have a tendency to create our own nucleus, forgetting to look at what our neighbors do."

The exchange of information between specialists in sports information and records management should be one of the central tasks of a network on sports archives, an idea that was quite loosely/casually discussed during the IASI Congress in Lausanne. This network could initially operate in connection with or as a part of IASI; either as an Ad Hoc Working Group or a Network similar to the one that already exist for the Centres for Olympic Studies.

Once the initial organization has been accomplished, it will be important to extend an invitation to other important organisations including the ICA (International Council on Archives), ISHPES (International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport), CESH (The European Committee for Sport History) and NASSH (North American Society for Sport History). This inter-organizational cooperation will connect other records management professionals with sport history academics to elicit their point of view concerning the documentation and accessibility to sport archives.

The headquarters for such a network could be in many locations for there is great expertise at key centres in Europe and elsewhere.

Aims and Objectives of the Sport Archives Network

- to increase the exchange of information between sports information centres, sports archives, sports libraries, sports museums and similar institutions regarding collections of documents, finding aids, registers etc.
- to create a directory of sports archives worldwide (e.g. the Directory produced by the Centre for Olympic Studies in Barcelona or the IASI World Directory, <http://www.directory-iasi.org/>)
- to initiate discussions on archival matters (acquisition, appraisal, registration, access, publicity etc.) among sports archivists, information specialists and sports historians, regarding questions on
 - what kind or type of material or document is important for sports history research

Organizational Work to be Achieved

- investigate the present archival networks that offer information online (e.g. Canada, United States, Australia)
- discuss the methods for exchanging information within the IASI structure and perhaps form an ahWG at the forthcoming annual meeting in Lisbon
- arrange further workshops/meetings during IASI meetings or Congresses
 - (it is good to see that the IASI Congress in Beijing has one theme “Sports Archives and Digitisation – where sports archivists can present papers and could hold a meeting on this issue)
- start planning for the Directory of Sports Archives; guidelines would be drawn by a smaller working group and presented for discussion and comments on the IASI-list
- arrange special sessions on archival matters at sports history congresses; in co-operation between the network and ISHPES, CESH or NASSH
- publish papers/reports on archival issues in the Bulletins of IASI, ISHPES and CESH

If you are interested in participating in the Sport Archives Network, please express your interest to Kenth Sjöblom at email: kenth.sjoblom@stadion.fi.

South Africa's Sportlit Database

<http://www.sasc.org.za/>

The South African Sport literature database, SportLit, is available again on the website of the South African Sports Commission after some absence. The database was reprogrammed to speed up its operation, and several new editing and maintenance functions were added.

It contains about 20 000 records collected over many years, and is currently being updated with new material. Recent additions include material from the 1999 All African Games, sport demographic research, and a selection of South African sports magazines.

The focus is for the database to be a repository and legacy of all South African sport publications, including books, brochures, newspaper clippings, videos, and other material.

The database is maintained by the SASC's Information and Research sub-unit, located outside Pretoria. To have a look at SportLit, go to <http://www.sasc.org.za/>, or contact, Charl Durand, email: charl@sasc.org.za.

World Anti-Doping Agency

<http://www.wada-ama.org/en/t1.asp>

An important World Conference on Doping in Sport was held in early March 2003 in Copenhagen. The conference focused on the creation of a world anti-doping code and resolution. On their website are the many drafts of the Code that were written and changed prior to the conference. Many post-conference documents are available on their website including the Resolution and the Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sport. At the left side of this home page is the word, Library. Do check out the resources that are available here on all sorts of topics, medical (peptide hormones, glucocorticosteroids), or scientific, educational, sociological and ethical. In some cases there are short essays on these topics or one might find a bibliography. Also under Library are WADA publications including the WADANews, no. 1, Feb 2002- No. 3, Dec, 2002 and the WADA Athlete Passport Newsletter, No. 1, Nov, 2002 – No. 4, March 2003.

Centre d'Estudis Olímpics / Olympic Studies Centre

<http://blues.uab.es/Olympic.studies/>

In February a note was sent announcing two new items on the OSC website. There are online abstracts and conclusions from the 5th Symposium of the International Chair in Olympism that was devoted to the Legacy of the Olympic Games, 1984-2000. The second online publication is the Fundamental Lesson on the Impact of the Games, where Richard Cashman (U of NSW) and others outlines the impact of the Olympic Games on host cities and discuss the economic, political and environment issues.

International Sports Law Master's Program at Griffith University

<http://www.gu.edu.au/school/law/home.html>

James Gray, Adjunct Assoc. Professor announced the program and new law degrees available in international sports law at Griffith University in Australia. See their website for the full details of the various programs that are also offered in a "flexible delivery mode" ie. off site, distance education.

Web and Online Happenings

European Year of Education through Sport 2004

http://europa.eu.int/comm./sport/index_en.htm

In Decision No. 291/2003/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, the European Year of Education through Sport was declared for 2004. This four page document outlines the aims and objectives of the initiative, the implementation and cooperation of member states, the financial arrangements and participation.

NUTESES: A New Dissertation and Thesis Website from Brazil

<http://www.nuteses.ufu.br/principal.html>

A new database, developed at the Universidade Federal de Uberlândia in Minas Gerais, Brazil was announced recently. Called NUTESES, Núcleo Brasileiro de Dissertações e Teses em Educação, Educação Física y Educação Especial, this database has a keyword search engine to find theses from many Brazilian universities, e.g. UFRGS (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul), UERJ, (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro) and UFSM (Universidade Federal de Santa Maria). Each thesis or dissertation has an abstract (click on Ver Resumo), plus the cost if a person or university wanted to purchase a copy.

Search Guide For Finding Test/Testing Information in SPORTDiscus

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

A recent note to members of IASI-L announced the new search guide on how to find sport sciences tests and measurements information. This guide contains a list of named tests that will be added to on a regular basis when a new update file is added to the international database SPORTDiscus. There are no copying restrictions for this search guide if used for educational purposes. This is the first of the proposed search guides under construction at the moment.

IOC/Olympic Museum Library Catalogue

<http://virtuavd.unil.ch/cgi-bin/chameleon>

In an email to the IASI listserv, Yoo-Mi Steffen outlined the features of the new version of their catalogue. In this version, a user may select, English or French as the search page option. As mentioned in the email, all Olympic Museum cataloguing records are sent to RERO, the Library Network of the Western Swiss libraries. French and German are the search page choices here, <http://www.rero.ch/reroweb/chameleon.html>. In addition, IASI members were also informed of the Interlibrary Loan service of the OM Library and are invited to send at least the title and call number to library@olympic.org when requesting a loan of a book or document.

Meetings and Conferences

SPRIG Seminar, June 25, 2003, Oxtalls Campus, University of Gloucestershire

<http://www.sprig.org.uk/events/>

The speakers for the annual SPRIG seminar have just been announced by SPRIG Chair, Martin Scarrott. The theme this year is: Information Literacy in Sport Leisure and Tourism. The four main speakers are Martin Jenkins, Theresa Summerfield, Sara Ward and Sheila Webber. See their website for conference details.

Congresso Sudamericano FIEP, 6 al 10 Julio 2003 / South American Congress FIEP, 6-10 July 2003

<http://www.fiep.com.ar/>

The details of this forthcoming congress in Córdoba, Argentina is now available on the above website.

Pre-Olympic Congress 2004, Thessaloniki, Greece, 6-11 August 2004

<http://www.preolympic2004.com/>

The first announcement and the website for the Pre-Olympic Congress has just been announced. This conference is sponsored by the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki's Dept of PE and Sport Science and municipal / regional government departments in Greece. A list of dates and deadlines is available on the website along with the scientific program themes, excursions, social program and registration information.

IASI will participate in this Congress by organizing a Cyber Café, where access to the Internet and SPORTDiscus will be provided. Searching instruction and assistance will be available from IASI members staffing the Café.

Publications

IASI Brochure, 2003 edition

The new and updated IASI brochure was unveiled at the recent IASI annual meeting in Havana, Cuba. The Vice Presidents in all the regions will be sent a supply of the brochures, so IASI members may contact their region's Vice President and request copies (for VP contact information see, <http://www.iasi.org/contactus.html>). Or copies may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Ms Maria Lluïsa Berasategui.

Jones, Robyn L; Armour, Kathleen M & Potrac, Paul.
The cultures of coaching, Harlow: Prentice Hall, 2003.
272 p. ISBN 0130937517 30 GBP

For a detailed statement on the contents of the book, see the full entry in Amazon.com in the UK. <http://www.amazon.co.uk/>

Hayes, Kate F and Carlson, Jon.
Exercise, Washington, D.C., American Psychological Association, 2003.
1 VHS videocassette (APA psychotherapy videotape series III)

<http://www.apa.org/videos/4310584.html>

Contents: Dr. Hays discusses exercise and sports psychology and engages in an actual therapy session with an overweight female who has low self-esteem. (For a more detailed explanation of the contents see the APA website section on videos)

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