

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS-LISBON 2004

REPORT OF IASI EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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During the meetings of IASI Executive Committee in Havana in March 2003, I was honoured both by our President, Mr Alain Poncet, proposing me to hold the position of Executive Secretary, and by all the Executive Committee members accepting my incorporation to IASI Managerial Unit. It was a very hard challenge, because I had to replace my friend Jose Aquesolo, who had set a very high standard.

1 Archive transfer

1.1 Administrative archives

The first action taken was the move of IASI archives to the new seat, where an office was prepared *ad hoc*, and on June 4th 2003 the General Sports Secretary of Catalonia's Government officially received the archives and welcomed both the President and the former General Secretary of IASI.

The archives arrived together with some guidelines laid down by Albert Remans in which he explained that the material had been classified into four different groups:

- Part I Electronic archives
- Part II Ring binders
- Part III Primary Documents Boxes
- Part IV Old Archives Boxes

This is the association's historic archive, and the classification is considered to be closed.

Jose Aquesolo handed me the archives that he had received from Albert Remans and the ones that he himself had written up, together with a CD containing all the digital archives created by him.

During the period from March 2003 to March 2004 very few documents in paper format have been added, since 97% of the Secretariat work has been made through electronic mail.

1.2 Publications stock

The publications in paper format held in the Secretariat are part of the association heritage.

1.2.1 Manual for a sports information centre

Current stock:

- English version = 416 copies
- French version = 254 copies
- Spanish version = 177 copies

1.2.2 Minutes of IASI meetings

The Secretariat has a copy in paper format of the Minutes from the meetings of IASI Executive Committee during the following years:

Beijing, 1991; Rome, 1993; Canberra, 1994; Malaga, 1995; Israel, 1996; Paris, 1997; Hong Kong, 1998; Los Angeles, 1999; Chile, 2000.

2 Secretariat competences

2.1 Choice of the posts

The election of the new Sportcom President took place last June 7th at the Andalusian Institute of Sports in Malaga, Spain, due to the irrevocable resignation of Jose Aquesolo. A sole candidacy was put forward, and Francisco Esteban, from the Sports Institute of Seville's Town Council (Spain), was unanimously elected.

The counting for the candidacy to IASI Vice-president for Latin America was carried out last June 27th at the seat of the INSEP of Paris (France). A sole candidacy was put forward and Esperanza Bobes of INDER (Cuba) was unanimously elected.

2.2 Relations with the members

2.2.1 ExCo Lisbon 2004

From 13th to 15th February 2004, IASI President and myself went to Lisbon upon request from the Instituto do Desporto de Portugal in order to establish some points of the annotated agenda. The preparatory meeting was attended by Mr Mário Moreira, Mr Joao Paolo Rocha, Mr Pedro Paulo, Mr Joao Veiga, Mr. Selma Fernandes and Ms. Ludovina Reis representing the Sports Institute of Portugal. We were welcomed by Prof. José Eduardo Cordovil, Vice-president of the Institute, in the name of its President Prof. José Manuel Constantino. We visited the facilities chosen for the meeting and the seat of the mentioned Institute.

2.2.2 Financial aid

A request for financial aid was received from Charles Durand (South African Sports Commission) for the organization of a Sports Information workshop in Maputo (Mozambique, South Africa) to be held on April 27th and 28th 2004. The request was sent to every Presidium member, so that they could consider it.

2.2.3 Information

Every request for information on the Association's trajectory has been attended, inviting them to visit the website www.iasi.org, to contact their region's Vice-president for further information and to address the treasurer in order to set their membership.

2.3 Relations with the Managerial Unit

Coordination of various tasks of the Association

3 Prospects

I find that the proposal drawn up by the Publications Officer, Gretchen Ghent, about the archive of the website contents and other documents of the Association, opens an interesting line of action. Both that document and the new agreement with the SIRC may set the basis for the current and future IASI archive. Actually, digitalisation and preservation of digital documents is one of the items to be dealt with during the next congress in Beijing.

I myself have been working on the organization of the digital administrative archive of IASI and have recorded a CD with its contents, though the location of these contents is still to be decided.