

## **IASI PRESIDIU**

### **IASI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2003**

### **A Association life**

In June 2003 the Latin America members elected Mrs Esperanza Bobes Ruiz as Vice-President for their Region in place of Mrs Beatriz Barbera who has resigned. Congratulations for Mrs Bobes and our best wishes for a good success in her new position.

New members are welcomed in IASI : National Sports Council of Malaysia, Sport & Recreation New Zealand, Faculty of Sport Sciences and Physical Education of Porto University, FIFA - International Federation of Football Association.

During 2003-2004 some changes and departures have happened in our Association : two ExCo members, leaving their institutions, have to resign from their position in IASI : M David Coleman from UK and M Li Tak Nang from China-Hong Kong. Another important member was Mrs Sally Hall who had to leave Sport England. We loose very active and competent leaders. I would like here to pay tribute to their decisive commitment to our Association in the past years.

To conclude this point, this 2003 year shows a deficit in our membership (only 71 institutional members have paid their fees): this gives a reason to launch a strong marketing plan.

### **B Administrative matters**

The main activities in this matter concern the transfert of the IASI headquarters and archives from Malaga to Barcelona (Spain). This operation was successful thanks to the good preparation done by the former and the new IASI Executive-Secretaries : M José Aquesolo and Mrs Maria-Lluisa Berasategui.

At the same time, the IASI references were updated at the Hague Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Netherlands).

Another important work done :

- Compiling, printing and distributing the Minutes of our statutory meetings in Havana 2003
- Preparing the IASI 2004 annual meetings with the Executive Secretary and local organizers in Lisbon.
- Dissemination by mail the three annual issues of the IASI Newsletter
- Dissemination of the IASI Brochure to the Vice-Presidents

Everyday work :to give an idea of the undertaken work, 385 documents and/or messages have been dealt with by the Presidency since the Havana meeting.

## **C IASI working program**

In this matter, the evaluation is quite mixed with important progress on the one hand and stagnation on the other hand., so we cannot consider the program defined in our last Cuba meeting as achieved..

I would like only to emphasize the main points since the complete reports will be presented by each AdWg Chair.

### C1 IASI website

Thanks to the work of the AdWg « IASI website » chaired by our Publications Officer with the assistance of SIRC, the IASI website ([www.iasi.org](http://www.iasi.org)) has been thoroughly redesigned with a new presentation : more informative, content-rich, updated and professional.

We should now implement the versions in other languages.

### C2 IASI Newsletter

Three issues of the Newsletter (nos 25,26,27) were published under the aegis of Mrs Gretchen Ghent, and disseminated both through Listserv and paper format.

### C3 IASI 2005 World Congress

Thanks to the work done by the members of this workshop co-ordinated by Mrs Cindy Slater in relation with the local Organizers, the preparation of the IASI 2005 Congress made progress in good conditions. The Congress website is now running ([www.iasicongress2005.org](http://www.iasicongress2005.org)) with the second announcement (with a link from IASI.org) .We are now in stage of reception of the contributions : I ask all IASI members to be active and productive in this matter.

### C4 IASI-SIRC Relations

During the past year, Mrs. Gretchen Ghent and I had two meetings in Ottawa with SIRC's responsables and staff. The main points dealt with SIRC was :

- The IASI Website, Archives and Information Policy
- The IASI website redesign and Conditions of updating
- The updating of IASI-SIRC Agreement
- The access to SPORTDiscus by low income Countries
- The SIRC participation in IASI meetings (SIRC workshop)
- The production of SPORTDiscus by IASI members
- Test and Testing Information and Access in SPORTDiscus
- Basic Search Guide to SPORTDiscus
- SIRC developed Training Materials.

All these points are developed in the specific report about the AdWg IASI-SIRC Relationship.

### C5 COMPASS

Compass developed its activities last year and have presently a gateway page through [www.sportcompass.net](http://www.sportcompass.net) , which leads to the old front page hosted by the University of Rome.

#### C6 The World Directory of Sports Information Centres and Experts

At present 108 centres are registered on the Directory. We have achieved our first goal which was to reference the main sports info centres throughout the world.

#### C7 Support for developing countries

Despite the efforts of the Vice-President of Africa Region, the workshop “*Collecting and sharing sports information in Africa*” planned to be held in October 2003 during the 8<sup>th</sup> all Africa Games in Abuja, Nigeria, could not be organized due to logistic reasons and financial constraint.

A new opportunity appeared then with the initiative of our Colleague M Charl Durand who leads the organization of a Sports information workshop in Maputo, Mozambique, 27-28 April 2004 with the support of the South Africa Sports Commission, the Mutola Foundation and the expected participation of ANOCA (Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa) and of the Institute of Sports of Portugal.

I sincerely hope that this first step in our program to give support for developing countries, and especially Africa, could meet a strong success and could open good windows for the future.

#### C8 Cybercafé at ICSSPE Conference 2004 Thessaloniki

As we did in Brisbane 2000, IASI will organize a CyberCafé at the ICSSPE pre-Olympic Congress 2004. We are preparing the practical conditions and the intellectual content of this event that will be animated by Mrs Gretchen Ghent, Ayala Maharik and I.(see Plan of Action written by Mrs Gretchen Ghent).

Lastly, two important points were not covered during this period and have to be reconsidered during our Lisbon 2004 meeting :

- Marketing plan
- Members survey

### **D IASI Relationships**

#### D1 ICSSPE

IASI has continued to maintain close relationship with ICSSPE.

Firstly, Mrs Gretchen Ghent, our Publications Officer, IASI representative in ICSSPE’s Editorial Board, attended the annual meeting in Marshfield, Wisconsin (USA), June 6-7 2003., and was very active and productive in publishing reports on “*Marketing for ICSSPE’s Publications*” ,”*ICSSPE Publications: Holdings by Key Libraries*” and producing articles in ICSSPE’s bulletin (see Publications Officer’s report).

Secondly, I attended the annual ICSSPE Association board meeting which took place in Pretoria (Republic of South Africa) September 22, 2003. Several further developments of our common actions were discussed e.g. the Human Kinetics program (31 operations have been achieved since 1999), the participation of IASI in the Thessaloniki pre-Olympic congress in 2004 (Cyber café), the indexing for SPORTDiscus of the scientific materials produced by ICSSPE members.

#### D2 IOC :

In the continuing co-operative relationship between IASI and IOC, I met our partners at IOC headquarters on March 12<sup>st</sup>, 2004, and, in particular, M. Philippe Blanchard, new Director of the IOC's *Information Management Department* with his staff, and M. Michel Filliau from *NOC Department*. It was decided that M Blanchard will constitute, from now on, the "front gate" of our relationship with IOC.

Seven main topics were discussed in a friendly and co-operative atmosphere:

- The updating and presentation of the World Directory of Sports Information and Experts, available on Internet : [www.directory-iasi.org](http://www.directory-iasi.org)
- The study for updating the "Manual for a Sports Information Centre"
- The attendance to IASI meetings by a IOC representative
- The preparation of a formal protocol of agreement between IASI and IOC
- The support of the Maputo workshop in April 2004
- The financial support of IOC for SPORTDiscus access by Low Income Countries (Hinari-type project)
- The support of the attendance to the IASI Congress 2005 by participants from developing countries (like for the Lausanne 2001 Congress).

#### D3 ENSSHE and EASM

In the European region, close links are maintained with these two organizations, by participating in their annual forums. These meetings are the occasion to demonstrate the benefits of sports information for the members of these professional associations.

#### D4 eKoS project

IASI-Europe has actively participated in the setting up of the EkoS project (European Knowledge of Sports) from 2001. The project developments were presented to the IASI ExCo meetings 2002 and 2003. The final proposal should have been submitted to the European Commission (DG XIII : Information Society) on March 23 2003.

Unfortunately, due to the defection at last moment of one of the main partner of the Consortium, the proposal could not be presented in time to the EC.

The action line 2 "*Enhancing content production in a multilingual and multicultural environment*", on which our project was positioned, was closed by the EC, so we had not other possibility to continue.

### **F The Forthcoming Year**

During the past year, many achievements have been realized thanks to the activity of the AdWg, and leaders in their Region.

However, some objectives could not be reached and should constitute a priority for the coming year among the key tasks defined in the working program (Havana 2003).

1 – We must regain the leading potential of the Association by replacing members who have resigned

2 – A strong marketing and communication plan in each Region should be developed to raise membership by increasing the visibility and the credibility of the Association and by strengthening the sense of belonging and the associative identity of IASI,

3 – We should better serve the needs of IASI members, providing regular and relevant communication and professional development. For that, the AdWg on Member survey should be reactivated.

Finally, I wish to thank all our members, those involved in projects, the members of the Managerial Unit, the Presidium and the Executive Committee for their valuable contributions and co-operation during this past year.

I look forward to meeting you in Lisbon.

Alain PONCET  
Paris, March 31, 2004