

Report on the Work of Sports Information in Asia 2004 - 2005

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1. Preparation for the IASI 2005 World Congress

The year 2004 – May, 2005 is the most important and active period for the preparation of the Congress. The following jobs were finally finished by the co-efforts of the Program Committee and the local people:

- 1) The local organizing committee was formed in early 2004 to ensure a smooth running of the preparation. This committee consists of two levels – the leading body and the working groups, and has got great support from the local sports authorities.
- 2) The second announcement of the Congress was published and delivered world-widely to call for papers, followed by the Congress website (www.iasicongress2005.org).
- 3) Finally selecting the venues for the Congress. All conference halls are equipped with electronic system and multimedia facilities.
- 4) Sending invitations and finally getting about 100 participants from 33 countries and regions to the Congress. IASI family get together again in four years in Beijing.
- 5) Arranging the observation tour by President Alain Poncet and program Committee Chair Cindy Slater in Beijing the last November. Preparations for both IASI business meetings and the Congress were presented, and in return, Alain and Cindy gave their guidance in detail for the further preparation work.
- 6) Collecting papers and editing proceedings of the Congress. There are 75 papers including 8 keynote speeches, 41 oral presentations and 26 posters in all. The official program and other documents for the Congress were printed in time.

Both CSIC and BSU have devoted greatly to the successful opening of the Congress. It is a four years job, so we could not forget all the arduous efforts the staff and volunteers have made. I would like to give my special thanks to Cindy, who has helped and guided nearly every step of the academic preparation. My thanks will also go to Alain, Gretchen, and all the other IASI family people who have made contributions and given assistance to the Congress, and who have experienced all the hard work, happy success, and even sometimes the “bad news” and worry moments together with the organizers.

2. Development of Sports Information in Asia

- 1) DPR Korea Set up National Sports Information Association

For further development and cooperation of sports information in the whole country, DPR Korea Sports Authority has set up a National Sports Information Association, combining all the sports libraries, sports centres and institutes together to share experiences and exchange information.

2) Development of China Interactive Sports (CIS)

With the support of All-China Sports Federation and the Chinese Olympic Committee, and the investment by the CITIC Pacific Ltd, China Interactive Sports (CIS) has opened up a new field for digital sports industry by running the digital interactive sports platform.

CIS has launched three major sports websites: the official websites of Chinese Olympic Committee (www.olympic.cn), in both Chinese and English, and the All-China Sports Federation (www.sport.org.cn), a portal site for the 65 national sports associations, and the China Interactive Sports website (www.sports.cn).

As the first professional “sportive life” website in China, www.sports.cn covers not only the up-to-the-minute sports news, but also a large variety of related fields, such as Sport Entertainment, Active Life, Multimedia Centre, Sports Lottery, E-commerce and so on.

E-sport (cyber sport) is a new sport played on-line and is becoming more and more popular in China and east Asian area. Competitions are organized not only on line, but also on mobile phone. A content-rich and multimedia channel dedicated to online games is running. The national China E-sports games (CEG) league has opened since 2004.

3. Inter-countries Exchanges

Some Asian countries sports science and information delegations have visited China Sports Information centre in the year 2004, including guests from the DPR Korea and Vietnam. Topics were focused on service of sports information to coaches and athletes preparing for major competitive sports games. Information research documents were shared to the visitors.

At the invitation of the Vietnam national Sports Authority, sports information and technological experts sent by CSIC went to Hanoi to help operating the electronic information system for the South-eastern Asian Games. This is the first cooperation in the sports information and IT fields between the two countries.

4. Database Development

With 130000 indexes of which 10000 are in full text, the Chinese Sports Database has started website service since 2004. The database includes papers from 82 Chinese sports journals and has an annual increase of 6000 indexes.

CSIC has also established the Sports Games database, including competition results and records of major national and international Games.