

**The North American Region and Sport Information:
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The 2005 Annual Report

1. North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN) Activities

The 10th NASLIN Conference, October 19-21, 2005 will be held jointly with 35th annual conference of the International Association for Sports Museums and Halls of Fame and the Canadian Association for Sports Heritage. The location of the conference has been changed from Canada Olympic Park (COP) in Calgary to the Four Points Sheraton Hotel across from COP. Planning is well underway with the goal of producing the conference information and registration materials by mid to late April.

Forthcoming NASLIN sessions will include the topics of:

- Sport Archives: Acquisition, Processing, and Digital Documents
- Digitizing Sport Materials
- Olympic Collections and Archives in North America
- Educating the Student Sport Researcher/ End User in Using the New Technologies and Databases
- Sports Websites and the Internet: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly
- State of the Art: Updates on Sport Resources and Collections

Conference details and registration information will appear on the NASLIN website by the end of April, <http://www.naslin.org/>

1.1 NASLIN Website

<http://www.naslin.org/>

The NASLIN website went live in early March under its new domain name. Using the Contribute software, all the information on this basic site was updated remotely with some essential reformatting completed quickly. More color was added along with the highlighting of important information that hopefully improves the readability of the site. Many thanks to SIRC for hosting the NASLIN website and providing the website design services for the domain's new look.

1.2 NASLINE

Two semi-annual issues were published in the past year, No. 24, September 2004 and No. 25, February 2005. As in past issues a large bibliography of new publications was the focal point along with listings of newly discovered sport websites and fulltext publications. All issues published so far are available on the NASLIN website in PDF format.

2. Activities of Sport Librarians and Libraries in North America

2.1 Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles (AAFLA) Virtual Archive

<http://www.aafla.org/>

This past year saw the addition of more fulltext Official Reports, sport serials and monographs to the Virtual Archive section of the website. The Official Reports digitization

project is almost complete. With each addition of a fulltext resource, this sport information electronic repository becomes more valuable to sport researchers.

2.2 Sport Librarians as Editors

A number of sport librarians have volunteered their editing expertise this past year. Dr. Wayne Wilson (AAFLA) is one of the editors for the forthcoming Berkshire Encyclopedia of World Sport, due to be published in June 2005. Penn State librarian, Mila Su is now an editor of the sport section of the American Library Association's Resources for College Libraries, a fourth edition to be published in late 2005 or 2006.

3. Updating Scholarly Sport Sites: A Subject Directory (SSS)

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

In fall of 2004, the University of Calgary changed over its old AIX computer servers to new Linux servers with new interface software. All the University's websites are being updated and reorganized. It took many months before it was possible to receive basic instruction in using Linux as there were no written manuals at the beginning of this transfer.

In the past few months, work has commenced on updating the various sections of Scholarly Sport Sites. The Sport Archives, Special Collections and Virtual Exhibits sections for Canada and the United States has been greatly enhanced. This section now has listings of specific archival records found during the research phase for this author's paper on *Archival Networks and Databases* to be presented at the IASI World Congress in Beijing. For the Canadian section a fairly comprehensive list of 43 archive fonds that are held by the Library and Archives Canada are listed with a small sampling of the many archive fonds held by provincial repositories.

For the United States 98 university/college and other historical institutions are now registered with over 300 specific archival records listed. With each personal file added key words identify the nature of the file. For example, at the Ohio State University Archives the listing for the Woody Hayes Papers, 1957-1990 has the key words, (*football coach*), added so that the person is identified by his/her major occupation. While each of the university or college archive department holds the records for their Athletics Department or the School/Faculty/Dept of Physical Education, these are not listed in this section as this would make the list too long.

The Museums and Halls of Fame section has many new listings added and all links updated. The Bibliography of Special Sport Publications and the Associations section is being revised as will many other parts of this website.

Quadrennial Report for the North American Region, 2001-2005

Major Achievements/Activities 2001-2005

- Published a semi-annual e-newsletter, NASLINE that contains a large bibliography of new books, serials, online/fulltext publications and interesting sport websites (Nos. 17-25, 2001-2005)

- Continued to add new names/emails to the NASLINE Distribution List as additional sport sciences liaison/subject librarians were found (List has approximately 300 email addresses now for US and Canada)
- Distributed issues of NASLINE to IASI-L and faculty on other listservs including, NASSServ and the SportHist listserv
- Changed, enhanced and updated links and information on Scholarly Sport Sites (SSS) that lead users to other, more comprehensive sites or to fill a void in sport information, by adding many additional listings on the SSS site (e.g. specific sport archive records)
- NASLIN members provided volunteer indexing services for designated sport materials to the international sport database, SPORTDiscus.

Possible Future Regional Activities/Projects 2005-2009.

- Encourage the NASLIN Digital Sport Group to continue their support for AAFLA's Digital Archive project by providing serial issues to digitize
- Encourage the NASLIN Digital Sport Group in its work to find grants to support further digitization of important sport serials and documents.
- Continue to publish NASLINE under the present guidelines
- Continue the search for North American sport sciences/kinesiology librarians who may be interested in NASLIN and issues of NASLINE
- Organize NASLIN conferences at 18 month intervals at various venues in North America
- Continue to support the indexing of designated sport materials for the SPORTDiscus database.
- For Scholarly Sport Sites add a new section on digitized sport monographs, serials and theses/dissertations found in US and Canadian metadata harvesting projects and databases.
- For Scholarly Sport Sites compile information on fulltext and print sources for Canadian sport and recreation statistics.
- Investigate how to bring together, organize and make fully accessible the diverse sports and leisure statistics from US sources.

Respectfully submitted,

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