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AUSPIN SPORT INFORMATION WORKSHOP

The annual AUSPIN (Australian Sport Information Network) sport information workshop was held in Canberra at the Australian Sports Commission in December 2003. Delegates from all Australian states attended as did one representative from OSIC (Oceania Sport Information Centre) and three from Papua New Guinea.

The main outcomes of the workshop were:

- The NSIC (National Sport Information Centre, Australia) will investigate the development of consortia agreements to provide access to electronic databases and journals for Australian sport libraries and potentially New Zealand sport libraries.
- State and Commonwealth government sporting bodies are required to pay a collection agency for recording sports broadcasts from television. These broadcasts are currently used for sports performance analysis. Negotiations will be undertaken to try to establish a reasonable rate for copying sports broadcasts.
- Examination of the feasibility of expanding the Australian Sports Commission's digital image library www.ausport.gov.au/imagelibrary to allow State Institutes/Academies to add their own images. This image library currently provides access to a wide range of images relating to Australian sport and the Australian Institute of Sport.

The 2004 AUSPIN meeting will be held in Queensland at the Queensland Academy of Sport, which has recently relocated to new premises.

AUSPIN have been invited by the Organising Committee of the Commonwealth Games International Conference 2006 to hold its annual workshop/seminar as part of the Conference. This Conference will provide the ideal opportunity for Commonwealth sport information providers such as Australia, Great Britain, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, India and others to discuss issues related to Commonwealth sports information such as cricket, rugby and netball and to look at ways of improving cooperation. An example of the later is the UK proposal for a Commonwealth sports research monitoring database.

The Australian Sports Commission's website will be relaunched mid-year. One of the major changes will be pathways for specific types of users – coaches, athletes, administrators, students etc.

INDEXING FOR SPORT DISCUS

Over 3000 records were contributed by the NSIC to SPORT Discus for the year 2003.

OCEANIA SPORT INFORMATION CENTRE (OSIC)

The South Pacific Games were held in Fiji in June 2003. This provided a wonderful opportunity for OSIC to promote their services to coaches, athletes and administrators of the region. Opening hours were extended to accommodate the visitors.

OSIC have begun the task of collating participation figures and records from previous South Pacific Games. This material has never been collected and OSIC staff are about three quarters of the way through this challenging project. OSIC will also archive all relevant material relating to the 2003 Games.

The OSIC website has been upgraded www.oceaniasport.info and now includes issues of the OSIC news and information relating to the 2003 SPG.

ONOC are looking into the possibility of establishing a sport education program for the Oceania region. It has been proposed that the program be located at OSIC with the provision of additional staff to manage the program.

OSIC are currently seeking funding for the next four years 2004-2008.

NEW ZEALAND

SPARC (Sport and Recreation New Zealand) continue to provide information updates to the region via their weekly enews service available at <http://www.sparc.org.nz/publications/enews/archives.php>

They have also recently implemented an online knowledge base product that is used to answer inquiries via their website. It's been most effective in answering the core questions that were taking up a lot of time, such as where to go for funding, what statistics are available on sports participation, and about various SPARC programmes. The online knowledge database is at http://sparc.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/sparc.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea are exploring the establishment of a sport information centre at the Papua New Guinea Sports Institute in Goroka. A meeting was held in Australia in December 2003 with representatives from PNG, OSIC and the National Sport Information Centre, Australian Sports Commission to look at ways we can assist in the development of the PNG sport information centre.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The National Sport Information Centre, Australia will be hosting a 2 month work placement for the librarian from the Nigerian Institute of Sport in November/December 2004.

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