

# 2005 Oceania Regional Report

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## 1. Australasian Sport Information Centre Workshop

The Australasian Sport Information Network (AUSPIN) Annual Workshop was held at the Queensland Academy of Sport between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2004. Attending were representatives from all Australian states (not including Western Australia) Fiji and Papua New Guinea. Main items discussed during the workshop:

- National Elite Sports Council has given approval for AUSPIN to investigate the viability of an Australian Sport Electronic Information Consortia. During the next 6 months the consortia will look at issues such as:
  - Determination of consortia clients –type, number, method of access
  - Identification of suitable resources – databases, journals, images, video
  - Costing and prioritisation of resources
  - Negotiations with publishers/agents regarding the consortia
  - Consortia management – objectives, structure, policies, funding
  - Network access to the consortia
- Development of research centres of excellence at Institutes/Academies of Sport in Australia and their impact on Information Centres.
- AUSPIN will investigate linking AUSPIN Union Serials list to Sport Discus on Ebscohost, Majority of AUSPIN members have moved to Sport Discus on Ebscohost and are transferring major online titles to Ebsco.
- Open access publishing at the University of Queensland – <http://eprint.uq.edu.au/> Resources in ePrints and other similar digital archives are also search through OAister – <http://oaister.umdl.umich.edu/o/oaister/> AUSPIN should look at how these online archives can be used by sport.
- Screen rights and other copyright issues impacting on sport information in Australia.

## 2. Commonwealth International Scientific Conference

The 13<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth International Scientific Conference will be held the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2006 in Melbourne. This Conference precedes the Commonwealth Games commencing the 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of March. AUSPIN has been asked to hold an information stream as part of the conference.

### **3. Staffing Changes**

Gavin Reynolds is the new Manager of the National Sport information centre at the Australian Sports commission. Jill Haynes, Joanne James and Alan Cockerill resigned from the NSIC during the year.

Simon Chamberlain has left the library at Sport and recreation New Zealand. A permanent replacement for Simon has yet to be appointed.

### **4. Information Centre Developments**

- Queensland Academy of Sport Information Centre has moved to be refurbished Queensland Sports and Athletic Centre (formely ANZ Stadium)
- Victorian Institute of Sport Information Centre has moved to Olympic Park in Melbourne.
- Western Australian Dept of Sport and recreation has moved to Leederville Oval in Perth.
- South Australian Sports Information Centre is currently undergoing a major refurbishment.
- NSW Sports Information Centre at the Sydney Academy of Sport and recreation is closing down and the collection is likely to be incorporated in the Australian College of Physical education Library located at Olympic Park. The Librarian will move to the Dept of tourism, Sport and recreation Head Office in the Olympic park and provide general information services.

### **5. International Assistance**

The NSIC has provided assistance in developing a planning strategy for the Papua new Guinea Sports Institute Information centre. As a result of this strategy the Information centre has been granted funding to upgrade its facilities and resources.

The NSIC is currently involved in a professional development program for Zac Emmanuel, the Manager of the Nigerian Sports Institute Information centre (NSIIC). The two month program involves training in all areas of information centre operations and visits to other libraries. There's also funding available for the purchase of current resources to update NSIIC aging collection.

### **6. National Sport Information Centre Developments**

- NSIC assisted with the procurement and implementation of the Sport Performance Information and Digital Asset Repository (SPIDAR); a comprehensive digital asset management facility that accommodates digital media and performance analysis assets for coaches, sport scientists, athletes and staff.

- Transferred to SportDiscus on Ebsco Host and linked its print serial and electronic journal holdings to the database.
- Developed a new free monthly email alerting service termed SportScan Update.
- Continue to provide SIRC with 3000 records for the SportDiscus Database
- In mid 2004 launched new website – [www.ausport.gov.au](http://www.ausport.gov.au) and intranet sites
- Currently preparing for the move to an upgraded library and information system
- Developing strategies to manage Screenrights copyright collection agency agreement in Australia.

## **7. Oceania Sport Information Centre**

OSIC is in seventh year of operation and the main outcomes over the year have been:

- Funding shortfalls due to the US dollar. It is applied for an increase in Olympic Solidarity funding.
- Increase in information requests.
- OSIC has participated in programs such as Oceania Sports Education Program, AUSPIN Workshop, ONOC Archiving Workshop and FIT Sports Education Advisory Committee.
- Requests have been made to ASP Program/ASC for laptops as current equipment is out of date