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ABOUT IASI

IASI is a non-profit making organization whose aim is to stimulate, support and develop activities in the field of international documentation and information for physical education and sport. It brings together a worldwide network of scientists, documentalists, librarians, information experts and managers of sports information and documentation centers.

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2001 IASI CONGRESS



The 11th World Congress of the International Association for Sports Information (IASI) took place from 25 to 27 April 2001 at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. The theme of the Congress was "Sports Information in the Third Millennium".

The Congress was hosted and organized by the Olympic Studies Centre (OSC) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Institute of Sport Sciences and Physical Education at the University of Lausanne. Prior to the Congress, on 22-24 April, IASI held its annual meeting. In addition, on 25 April, the OSC also offered a Workshop on Olympic and Sports Archives, which included a visit to the Museum and OSC Library collections.

Speakers at the first plenary session set the stage for interesting and diverse presentations. Featured speakers included Christian Vivier, ISSEP, Switzerland; Nerida Clarke, outgoing IASI President,

Mike Laflin, SPORTCAL (UK) and Larry Katz, University of Calgary. Other plenary session papers included the topics of management of a sports information center, information management at the Sydney Olympic Games, highlights of sport documentation center development, and legal aspects of sport information. The many specific sessions offered a wide range of topics comprising sports information and olympism, with specific papers on digitization of serials, website, internet and intranet development and globalization of sports information. A round table featuring Jerome Bureau (L'Equipe), Fekrou Kidane (IOC), John MacAloon, (U. of Chicago) and Kristine Toohey (Sydney Olympic Organizing Committee) provided a lively discussion on communication, the media and olympism.

A wide variety of topics were presented at the poster sessions. One of the outstanding poster presentations was contributed by Anitta Palvimaki, whose professionally produced poster on cooperation in Finnish sport information centers was very informative.

Members of IASI and conference participants want to extend a sincere thank you to our hosts, the Olympic Studies Centre and the University of Lausanne and the dedicated work of the major conference organizers Nuria Puig (IOC) and Francoise Schenk (U. Lausanne). In addition, heartfelt thanks go to Bruno Rossi Mori and his Congress program committee for an excellent set of papers and presentations at the 11th IASI Congress.

The 11th Congress Proceedings have been published by the IOC. Print copies may be obtained from Nuria Puig, External Relations, International Olympic Committee, Quai d'Ouchy 1, 1001 Lausanne. Email: nuria.puig@olympic.org. The full proceedings and the papers

presented at the archives workshop will also be available in PDF format on the IASI website in the fall.



IASI Members in Lausanne, *L-R.Front:* Nuria Puig, Jose Aquesolo, Maria Luisa Berasategui, Jill Haynes. *L-R Back:* Lucia Quiroga Rey, Ayala Maharik, Nerida Clarke.

IASI Past President

At the annual meeting of IASI, members said farewell to outgoing President, Nerida Clarke. During her tenure (1996-2001), the association achieved a greater degree of communication and interaction through the use of email, the IASI website and the IASI listserv. Through her foresight and resourceful leadership, IASI published the IASI brochure, produced a PowerPoint Presentation about IASI and its goals and objectives and produced a *Manual for a Sports Documentation Centre* in English, French and Spanish. The cooperative development of the Oceania Sport Information Centre serving the NOCs and sports researchers in the Oceania region was a special project dear to the heart of Nerida. Again, members of IASI say “thank you” to Nerida for all her leadership abilities and commitment to the association and wish her the best in her future career.

IASI Has a New President



Mr. Poncet in Lausanne

By acclamation of the IASI General Assembly, Mr. Alain Poncet, Chef du Service d'Information et de Documentation, Institut National du Sport et de l'Education Physique, (INSEP), France was elected President of IASI for 2001-2005. Alain brings his interest in sports (skiing, rugby, athletics) to his extensive professional credentials; a Higher Diploma in Physical Education and from 1975 as Head of Documentation Services at ENSEPS (now INSEP). Alain was a part of the experts network of the Council of Europe, IASI Vice-President for Europe, 1997-2000 and the French representative to SIONET. Congratulations to Alain. Contact email: alain.poncet@insep.fr

IASI General Assembly Election Results

IASI Vice-Presidents, 2001-2005

The following Vice-Presidents were elected by their regional members:

Africa

- Mr. Clement Fasan, University of Lagos, Faculty of Education, Nigeria

Asia

- Mr. Ma Tie, China Sports Information Institute, Beijing, China

Europe

- Ms. Ayala Maharik, Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport Library, Israel

Latin America

- Ms. Beatriz Maria Barbera, Secretaria de Deportes y Recreacion de la Nacion, Argentina

North America

- Ms. Gretchen Ghent, University of Calgary Library, Canada

Oceania

- Ms. Jill Haynes, National Sport Information Centre, Australian Sports Commission

Executive Committee 2001-2005

- Jose Aquesolo, Instituto Andaluz del Deporte, Spain
- Maria Luisa Berasategui, Generalitat de Catalunya, Secretaria General de l'Esport, Spain
- Esperanza Bobes Ruiz, Centro de Investigaciones e Informatica del Deporte, (INDER), Cuba
- Maurizio Bruni, Scuola dello Sport, CONI, Italy
- David Coleman, Sport England, UK
- Jean Michel Johnson SIRC, Canada
- Li Tak Nang, Hong Kong Sports Development Board, Hong Kong, China
- Anitta Palvimaki, LIKES Information Service for Sport and Health Sciences, Finland
- Laercio Elias Pereira, Brazil
- Bruno Rossi Mori, CONI- Italian Olympic Committee, Italy
- Hartmut Sandner, Institut fur Angewandte Trainingswissenschaft, Germany
- Erika Schwarz, Higher Sports Council of Spain, Spain
- Cindy Slater, US Olympic Committee, Colorado, USA
- Ervin Sramel, Slovenian Sports Office, Slovenia
- Andrei Teodorescu, Romanian Youth & Sport Ministry, Romania

- Hege Underthun, Norwegian University of Sport and Physical Education, Norway
- Wang Huanfu, China Sports Information Institute
- Yasuo Yamaguchi, Sasakawa Sports Foundation

ICSSPE Holds Meeting in Beijing

At the kind invitation of Prof. Dr. Jin Jichun, ICSSPE held its 2001 board meeting at the Beijing University of Physical Education. Alain Poncet was invited to represent IASI at this statutory board meeting and reported on recent cooperative and mutually beneficial projects. Particular emphasis was placed on the success of the Internet Café, organized for the Pre-Olympic Congress in Brisbane. As a result of this success IASI was asked to coordinate an Internet Café for the Pre-Olympic Congress in Thessaloniki in 2004.

Alain also included in his report information on other cooperative projects including:

- The forthcoming issue of Perspectives on the topic of Sport Information, edited by Gretchen Ghent
- Participation in the Human Kinetics program “Share the Knowledge”
- Indexing of ICSSPE board members’ scientific materials as part of the work done by SIRC for the SPORTDiscus database.

Another highlight of the trip was a meeting with Mr. Ma Tie, IASI VP for Asia and IASI ExCo member Mr. Wang Huanfu and the tour of the China Sports Information Institute. Alain was most impressed by the quality of the CSII staff and the facilities available for the IASI Congress in 2005. He predicts that the 12th IASI Congress will be a great success.

A Word from our New President

I would like to warmly thank Nerida Clarke and Albert Remans, who, despite their other professional occupations, helped considerably over the past three months in the transition of IASI to a new administration.

We must thank also those who agreed “to take the baton” and, when the new statutes are accepted, will make up the new Managerial Unit. The three persons

- Jose Aquesolo, Executive Secretary
 - Anitta Palvimaki, Treasurer
 - Gretchen Ghent, Publications Officer
- will bring all their competence and energy to the start-up of the new secretariat structure.

One of our first tasks is to review our Statutes and By-laws in order to implement the new administrative structure. By this time all IASI members have received the draft amendments prepared by the ahWG composed of Anitta Palvimaki, Gretchen Ghent, Jose Aquesolo, myself and with the kind assistance of Albert Remans. I kindly request that all of you respond to this document by the July 25 deadline.

Today, we enter a new sporting era, marked by new managers of the Olympic Movement. I am sure that our Association will face the new challenges, take on new projects and enhance our competence in professional sport information.

News Bytes

Master’s Degree Approval at Zinman College of Physical Education and Sports Sciences

On June 12, 2001, the Israel Council for Higher Education (ICHE) granted Zinman College at the Wingate Institute the permission to offer a Masters of Physical Education Sciences degree. This is the first

time a teachers college has been given this approval for an independent masters program. ICHE stated many reasons for giving this approval but one of them is the very high quality of the Wingate Institute Library.

Asian Sports Information Association (ASIA) has New Website

Mr. Ma Tie, newly-elected IASI VP for Asia, reports that the ASIA website is now hosted by the Hong Kong Sports

Development Board at:

<http://www.hksdb.org.hk/sg93402913/asia/index.htm>

Under the section called Publications can be found the issues 1 to 5 of the ASIA Bulletin in Word.doc or PDF format.

Jill Haynes Invited to a Seminar at the Olympic Studies Centre

Professor Miquel de Moragas, Director of the Olympic Studies Centre (OSC) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, invited Jill Haynes as Invited Professor, to deliver two lectures to university students and a seminar on sport information services in Australia. These sessions provided an opportunity to compare sport information systems in Spain and Australia, and to examine ways of collaborating further in the provision of sport information services. Sport information and documentation specialists attended the seminar from all parts of Spain. This seminar was part of the academic contributions to the theme of Sport Information and Documentation for the 2001 International Chair of Olympism at the OSC. The three papers for the program are available on the Olympic Studies Centre website in pdf format at:

<http://www.blues.uab.es/olympic.studies/catalogue.html>

Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Project

Greg Blood at Australia's National Sport Information Centre has been working on the information links page to the resources

about the Sydney Olympic Games. On their website at:

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/info/olympic.htm#research> can be found an outline of the resources available now that the official websites have been disbanded. There are links to the National Library of Australia, the State Records of New South Wales and other sources that have put fulltext or references to information on print, AV, archival and artifact information on the Sydney Olympics.

Wolters Kluwer nv

On April 6, it was announced the multinational information services company, Wolters Kluwer (Amsterdam) acquired SilverPlatter Information of Boston, Massachusetts. SilverPlatter is a provider of many medical and scientific databases. SilverPlatter will then be combined with Ovid Technologies of New York that was acquired by WK in 1998. Many IASI members subscribe to the SPORTDiscus and other scientific databases from either SilverPlatter or Ovid. In the months to come we will attempt to keep you posted on changes, enhancements to the software and products from this large multinational. See the Wolters Kluwer website at:

<http://www.wolterskluwer.com> or details of this announcement at http://www.ovid.com/news_events/

Web & Online Happenings

Euro-IASI Listserv Created

Ayala Maharik, the new IASI Vice-President for Europe has established a new listserv for the European IASI members called Euro-IASI. With the cessation of library-related activities at the Sport for All Clearinghouse, Ayala hopes that this listserv will assist European members to exchange information, especially on sport policy matters. It is also expected that this listserv may replace or revive the work of SIONET

and maintain the information on a selected list of subjects.

Instructions for European members to subscribe are as follows:

1. Send an email to: majordomo@macam.ac.il, leaving the subject area empty.
2. In the text area write without quotation marks: subscribe euro-iasi
3. Then put the word, end, on the next line

Bruno Rossi Mori and Alain Poncet are compiling a selected list of topics on which information could be exchanged. Ayala will send the list to Euro-IASI members for comments. Once the list of topics is agreed upon, list members will be requested to send new information on policy and the other topics.

Through the *IASI Newsletter* and IASI-L we will keep other IASI members apprised of important policy matters and topics. Note: if other IASI members would like to be part of Euro-IASI, do sign on to the listerv.

Image Searching

It was announced recently in the Scout Report that the search engine Google has mounted as a beta test, a new search engine to find images on the web. The Google Image Search <http://images.google.com/> will find all types of images through its search engine. A sample search done using the word "soccer" found over 17,000 images. On the results pages, each small image is shown, plus whether the image is a .gif, .jpg or other type of file, its size and the URL where it can be found. By clicking on the small image it is enlarged on a second screen. Google states on its home page that it has access to over 150 million images - a powerful tool indeed for the sports researcher!

Active Data Management for Sport (ADMS)

Mike Laflin from SPORTCAL

<http://www.sportcal.com/> announces the availability of the ADMS software program that "enables organizations involved in sport to develop results, ranking and media information systems either for internal use or for promotion through their websites." ADMS is a modular system that allows an organization to develop a media information database that can grow and expand to meet the needs of their organizations. The four modules include event management, competitor management, results management and rankings management. All modules are available either as PC software applications or web-enabled applications. For further information contact Sportcal Global Communications at Tel +44 0 20 899 8786 or email: marketing@sportcal.com

New URL Extensions Announced

Browsing through the website called Silicon Valley.com <http://www.siliconvalley.com/> brought forth the news of the new domain name extensions that will allow more websites to be established on the internet. ICANN, the international group recognized by most governments has agreed to 7 new extensions, .biz, .info, .name, .pro, .aero, .coop, .museum. However, a break-away group called NEW.net is also selling .kids, .sport, .travel and .xxx. ICANN has been criticized for being very slow in establishing new extensions and this upstart company wants to establish further new extensions. These unsanctioned extensions may never be seen by some internet users, however, for unless an internet provider's computer is changed and updated to identify these new extensions they will not appear to some internet users. Stay tuned for more on this controversial topic.

Altis, the UK Gateway to Internet Resources for Hospitality, Leisure, Sport and Tourism

Steve Hewett, a Librarian at the University of Birmingham, announced to the UK's SPRIG listserv that the SPRIG-supported application to the UK's Joint Information Systems Committee has been successful. **Altis** will provide a searchable database giving free access to Internet resources that have been examined and selected for their academic quality and relevance. Each record will include a description of the web resource's key features. The service is due to be launched in 2002 and is being developed in partnership with: Birmingham College of Food, Tourism and Creative Studies, University College Worcester, The Learning and Teaching Support Network Centre for Hospitality, Leisure, Sport and Tourism and OFS (Only for Sport) Management Ltd. If you would like further information contact Steve Hewitt (Altis Project Manager, Email: s.j.r.hewett@bham.ac.uk)

International Ethical Forum for the Analysis of Sport Technology (FAST)
<http://www.dmu.ac.uk/In/fast/>

This new website, hosted by De Montfort University, "seeks objective decision-making about the appropriateness of new innovations in sport" and invites governing bodies and other sport administrators and officials to inquire about and commission the independent advice of this consortium of academic experts. Topics that the FAST group will consider include genetic enhancement and engineering, sports equipment innovations, virtual systems for sport performance, methods of doping and drug taking. Specific topics with links on the FAST website consist of: fastskin, the fabric used in some current swimming suits and newly designed tennis balls among others.

Scholarly Sport Sites (SSS)

A new section has been added to SSS called What's New, to inform users of important changes, updates or reorganized sections on this website.

See

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

The World Health Organization's Health InterNetwork Will Provide Access to Medical Journals in Developing Countries

A recent article in the newspaper, the Washington Post (July 9, 2001, pA12 <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>) announced that free access will be given to medical schools, research laboratories, government health departments and libraries in countries where the per capita gross national product is less than \$1,000 per year. WHO will establish a portal called the Health InterNetwork where over 1000 medical journals will be available. Participating publishers include Elsevier, Wolters Kluwer, Blackwell, Harcourt General, Springer-Verlag and John Wiley. For sport sciences researchers in developing countries this initiative should assist in their research also. As yet the Health InterNetwork website is not available, but we will keep you posted. For further information see the UN Millennium Action Plan at: <http://www.med.jhu.edu/ccp/ppt/2001/kay/>

Meetings & Conferences

IEA's 2001 Media Season

On November 12/13, 2001, the Institute of Economic Affairs will hold a conference on Interactive TV at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, and November 19 on Sport Broadcasting at the Café Royal, in London, England. IEA is an independent "think tank" and as part of its work, organizes a number of influential strategic level conferences. For further information go to their website: <http://www.iea.org/> and to <http://www.marketforce-communications.co.uk>

9th EASM Congress

The European Association for Sport Management will hold its 9th conference on September 19-23, 2001 at Victoria-Gasteiz, in the Basque area of Spain. Papers reflect a wide range of interests and include the topics, human resources management in sport, and leadership in sport organizations. For further information see their website:

<http://www.easm2001.com/>

Or the EASM's website at

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

For other forthcoming sport-specific and sport sciences conferences, consult SIRC's conference calendar at:

<http://www.sportquest.com/resources/conferences/index.html>

Selected Publications

For individuals contemplating a re-design of their websites or are looking at establishing a new website, the following publication may be of interest. The author is Head of Graphic Design at the University of Canberra and writes a column on website design for the *Australian MacWorld*.

Whitbread, David. *The Design Manual*. Sydney, University of New South Wales Press, 2001. 400 p. ISBN 0868406589 AUD 50

Website: <http://www.unswpress.com.au>

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