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Cooperative Projects Between IASI and the IOC

In the continuing, cooperative relationship between IASI and IOC, and as an extension of the information supplied in *Manual for a Sports information Centre* (2000), Alain Poncet met with our partners at IOC headquarters on July 1. In attendance was Mr. Pere Miro Director of Olympic Solidarity and NOC Relations Department, Mr. Michel Filiau, Chief of the Administrative Service of NOC Relations Department, Mrs. Nuria Puig Director of the Olympic Studies Center in the Olympic Museum, Mr. Jerome Poivey assistant Mr. Filiau.

Two main topics were discussed. The first topic concerns the World Directory of Sports Information Centres and Experts. This database will be soon available on the NOC Extranet, by a link created from www.directory-iasi.org. In addition an announcement will be made to inform the NOC information centres about the existence of this new product. Included in the announcement will be an encouragement to register their NOC libraries/centers in the World Directory. In that way, we hope to have, in a very short time, a comprehensive database where a specific center or expertise could be found from any part of the world.

The second discussion point concerned the program for developing countries and in particular for Africa. That is a recurrent question we discussed during our last ExCo meeting in Barcelona. Emerging from the meeting was the proposal for the future establishment and support for two main African sports information centres: one to serve the English speaking area; the second for the French speaking area. These centres, which would be supported by an existing NOC, would become the cooperative resource and foundation for sport information for all the NOCs in their respective linguistic area. With this infrastructure support, IASI would provide its expertise in the field of creating and developing a sports information and documentation centre.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was agreed that Mr Filliau will contact the General Secretary of ACNO, Mr. Tommy Sithole, and submit this proposal to him and ACNO (Associations des Comités Nationaux Olympiques).

E- Knowledge of Sport: the eKoS Project

This project, which will establish a European platform of sports information on Internet (formerly the Pan-European Sports Information Service PESIS) with multiple language access, is still in the planning and discussion stage. Progress has been made since early in the year after an important meeting was held at INSEP (Paris) in June. Gathered together were the members of the Task Force in charge of the organization and management of the project and, soon, its presentation to the EU Commission. This project will be presented in the context of the third call for proposals of the EU Commission, held in November 2002. Application will be made for the demonstration category that has a duration of 30 months.

From the last ExCo meeting in Barcelona March 2002, in which IASI President, Alain Poncet, had the opportunity to report about the project (see the minutes of the meeting), the goals and focus of the project are now more precise.

The website will be a portal on Internet, composed of several thematic sections available in several European languages. First, English, German, French, Spanish front ends will be mounted and eventually other languages including Italian, Danish, Dutch.

The Portal would have six major sections:

- SECTION 1: Management of Olympic Sports and Federal Sports (EASM, the European Association for Sport Management has responsibility for this section)
- SECTION 2: Sport Professional Management (EASM)
- SECTION 3: Trends and realities of Sport in the European countries (Organizations responsible for this section include IASI-Europe, ENSSEE, the European Network of Sport Schools Education and Employment and COMPASS). This section would be similar to the information that could be found in the former Bulletin of the Sport for All Clearing House in Brussels.
- SECTION 4: Teaching and learning in sport management (ENSSE and EASM)
- SECTION 5: News, including events, bibliography, special topics, reviews, websites. (Under the responsibility of the Editor in Chief with the assistance of IASI-Europe)
- SECTION 6: European bibliographical databases with an integrated search engine under XML technology (IASI-Europe with the technical assistance of the Technical partner Meyer & Meyer Sport)

And three additional sections that are a secondary priority:

- SECTION 7: Management of Public Services for Sport and Sport for all (EASM with the assistance of an Association for Sport facilities or TAFISA (Sport for All)
- SECTION 8: Management of Sport Tourism and Sport Business (ENST and ENFA)
- SECTION 9: E-learning and Academic Research (ENSSEE and MEMOS)

In each section, a part of information (mainly specific topics) would be freely available to the public. The other contents would be accessible to the members of the responsible Association (with a password) or by a fee payable by the general public or subscribers.

Each section would have an assigned section leader, appointed by the responsible body(ies) of the section. The general co-ordination would be taken in charge by a full-time Editor in Chief of the whole website.

In this context, the project would be supported and presented by a Consortium composed of:

- the French firm SYSTRAN as linguistic partner for the automatic translation
- the German publisher Meyer & Meyer Sport as technical and commercial partner
- EASM as information provider
- IASI-Europe as information provider
- ENSSEE as information provider
- and INSEP as terminology provider.

Other members could be included in the project as an associated partner and member of the Consortium. A list of these potential members has been established and may include other European sports associations and sport universities.

During this meeting the list of the work packages and the business plan have been outlined. The editorial principles and guidelines have been discussed, as well as the tasks sharing in the editorial chain. Lastly, the evaluation of the quality of the content (internal and external) was defined.

The next step will be completed in September when the consortium will present an abstract of the project to the EU Commission. This step is intended to inform the EU Commission of our interest for this EU program and will invite thoughtful advice and suggestions before the final application is made in November.

IASI Representatives Attend the ICSSPE Meeting in Manchester

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

IASI President and member of the ICSSPE Associations Board, Alain Poncet, and IASI Publications Officer and member of the ICSSPE Editorial Board, Gretchen Ghent, attended the ICSSPE meetings on July 16 and 17 in Manchester UK.

In the Editorial Board meeting discussions centered on the progress of those monographic serials already underway and the proposed theme topics for 2003 and beyond. In addition, board members considered the production costs of the ICSSPE Bulletin and alternative ways of publishing. It was decided that with Issue no. 37, January 2003, the ICSSPE Bulletin will be published online and perhaps in CD ROM format.

Recently published monographic serials include:

- Perspectives, vol. 4, Sport Information and Technology (see Publications section below for details)
- Sport Science Studies, vol. 11, Roland Naul, ed. Physical Activities, Sporting Lifestyles and Olympic Ideals of European Adolescents

Forthcoming publications for 2002 and 2003

- ICSSPE Bulletin, no. 36, September, 2002, Theme: Sport and the Environment
- Directory of Sport Science, 3rd ed. Human Kinetics is the publisher. Expected at the end of 2002 or early 2003.
- Perspectives, vol. 5. Theme: Sport Governance
- Perspectives, vol. 6, Theme: Children and Obesity
- Sharing Good Practice, vol. 2. Coach Education
- Sport Science Studies, vol. 12, Physical Education: Deconstruction and Reconstruction

At the Associations Board meeting, two new members were approved for membership in the Board. Final approval was given at the General Assembly. The new Association Board members are: WomenSport International (<http://www.de.psu.edu/wsi/index.htm>) and the International Council for Coach Education (<http://www.icce.ws/>)

The next agenda item was the acceptance of written reports submitted by each association board member and discussion of any issues arising from these previously submitted reports.

Much discussion centered on the themes and topics within the Working Programme. There are three overarching themes that are being developed. They include: Ethics and Professionalisation, Quality Physical Education (a follow-up to the World Summit on Physical Education), and Healthy Living Across the Life-span. Updates were heard on one project, The Role of Physical Education and Sport in Education. Proposals were heard from the Working Group on Strategy Design (moral and values development through sport, children's rights in figure skating and gymnastics, international codes of conduct, ethics in sport, role modeling).

This board meeting was concluded with a report on the progress of the planning committee for the Pre-Olympic Scientific Congress, in Thessaloniki, Greece, 5-10 August 2004.

Other News Bytes

News and Projects at SIRC

Since fall of 2001, SIRC has been integrating the monographic records from the Paul Ziffren Resource Center at the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles into SPORTDiscus. There are 21,166 records to be added in all formats. (The serials and AV will be done later). Working with the older records Linda Wheeler has added most all the monographs from 1646 to 1973, & 2001 resulting in the addition of many more US, UK monographs than were previously found in the database. AAFLA's collection of older material is strong on sport specific works, biographies, sport fiction (a resource not usually found in SPORTDiscus) and Olympic materials.

In addition to this work, duplicate records from SIRC, AAFLA, the Olympic Museum, Heracles or other sources have been amalgamated into one record with each record being updated with more descriptors, notes, LC or other pertinent information. In addition the country code has been added to all works prior to 1983, the year the country code was added as a field in SPORTDiscus. This massive project will result in a more informative, more accessible and easier to use database. The addition of the AAFLA monographic records will add greatly to the sport history component of SPORTDiscus. Those libraries that access SPORTDiscus through Ebsco Host will see evidence of the merging and record enhancement project.

Other database enhancement projects include:

- Adding the 600-item Adapted Aquatics database originally compiled by Susan Grosse, a Canadian physical education teacher.
- The Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance has formed an association with SIRC and deposits many of their documents, including PowerPoint presentations with SIRC.
- PASSOR, Physiatric Association of Spine, Sports and Occupational Rehabilitation (an official council of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation). This association produces an annual bibliography on various topics (e.g. lumbar spine). SIRC is surveying its contents and assuring that articles and documents not in SPORTDiscus are acquired and indexed.
- With the change in policy at SIRC, book reviews found mainly in the refereed journals are also being indexed. This has resulted in many more monographs being added to the database for there must be a parent record for the book mentioned in the book review. Note that the parent record for the reviewed monograph may not have a location in

SPORTDiscus as these records were added because of the addition of a book review. SIRC is using the citation information from LC and other union catalogues.

- SIRC is implementing the automatic serials check in feature of the Cuadra Star system and has a long-term project of updating the holdings records for each of the thousands of serials (current and ceased) they hold.

SIRCThesaurus

- The SIRCThesaurus has expanded its reach to the Netherlands. The Netherlands Olympic Committee/Netherlands Sports Confederation (NOC/NSF) has translated the SIRCThesaurus to facilitate research of sport and related information. Over ninety Dutch national sport organizations, high performance coaches and Dutch researchers will use the SIRCThesaurus to navigate the NOC/NSF's website database collection.
- SIRCThesaurus 6th edition, 2002 will be announced in the next few weeks to IASI-L participants.

Highlights of the week.

For the past two years SIRC has been offering the weekly Highlights of Week, whereby a particular topic and two relevant (electronic) articles from the SPORTDiscus are highlighted. It was particularly interesting to note that within two hours of sending the “yoga” feature, over 917 articles were requested!

Staff changes

The indexing department is growing and changing. SIRC has recently added two new indexers and an Acquisitions/Cataloguing Librarian, Renee de Gannes, Diane O’Dwyer and Brandie Adams, thus bringing the total up to six indexers plus acquisitions on staff. Ingrid Moisil has been promoted to Indexing Manager. Ingrid has been with SIRC for several years, has extensive indexing experience, speaks several languages including English, French, German and Romanian. She is the President of the Library Association of the National Capital Region (Canada) and last year on behalf of SIRC, attended the opening of the Japanese Institute for Sport Sciences (JISS) in Tokyo, Japan.

As of early July, Jean-Michel Johnson no longer works for SIRC. He will be dearly missed by the international sport information community. We wish him well in his future endeavors. In the interim any questions can be sent to Debra Gassewitz (debrag@sirc.ca) or Linda Wheeler (email: lwheeler@sirc.ca). Linda is the contact person for international indexing partners for SPORTDiscus and she will gladly accept the indexed records from international contributors.

New Sports Participation Statistics Compilations Recently Released

IASI members who participate in IASI-L learned recently of new national sports participation publications recently released to the public. Accurate, standardized and comprehensive sports participation statistics are of great interest to IASI members and are the focus of COMPASS, the sports statistics group. IASI member Bruno Rossi Mori is one of the leaders of this sports participation statistics movement.

The most recently publications include:

Australian Sports Commission. *Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport 2001*, 42p.
(Available in PDF format at: <http://www.activeaustralia.org/facts/ERASS.pdf>)

As Greg Blood mentioned this publication will serve as a benchmark for further surveys. It takes over from the Australian Bureau of Statistics survey entitled: Participation in sport and physical activities.

Singapore Sports Council. Management Services Division. *National Sports Participation Survey 2001*. 96p. (Research paper 45/01) (

Request a copy from the Singapore Sports Council by emailing Sharon_Lau@ssc.gov.sg

And Sport Canada recently made available on its website the Statistics Canada, General Social Survey report called *Sport Participation in Canada, 1998 Report*, 77 pages (Note that this survey was of approximately 10,000 Canadians aged 15 years and older and is not a comprehensive national survey). See the website

http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/progs/sc/psc-spc/index_e.cfm

Web and Online Happenings



Demise of American Academy of Sports Vision

At the ICSSPE Association's Board meeting it was announced that the International Academy of Sports Vision (website formerly at <http://www.iasv.net>) has disbanded upon the retirement of its founder, Dr. Abe Garner. The IASV published an annual journal entitled, International Journal of Sports Vision (ISSN 1071-4235, v1, 1993 - v6, 2000 (there may be one more issue v7, 2001, but at this printing it has not been verified).



Journal Impact Factors in Sport and Exercise Science, 1999-2000

<http://www.sportsci.org/jour/0103/wghimp.htm>

This online article by Will Hopkins at the University of Otago outlines the meaning of journal impact factor, an idea promulgated by Dr. Eugene Garfield, founder of the Institute for Scientific Information in Philadelphia. Through the various ISI publications, e.g. Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, every year ISI calculates the number of times articles were cited in the refereed periodicals received that year and indexed by the ISI. The journal impact factor is one indication of the importance of a journal. Some libraries use this factor as a criterion for subscribing to various periodicals and some faculty members who must "publish or perish" use this factor in deciding where to submit their recent research. Dr. Hopkins article looks at the sport sciences journals indexed in ISI publications and outlines the "impact factors" for them. For further information on what ISI does and how they select the periodicals they index, see: <http://www.isinet.com/isi/hot/essays/index.html>



Gabriel Has a New Look

<http://www.bl.uk/gabriel/index.html>

The Gateway to Europe's National Libraries, Gabriel, has a newly updated and redesigned website. The website is now more user friendly and has an English/French/German front end. On

the home page a user is able to search all 41 European national library catalogues at once using a single keyword or phrase.



The Sports Media Website

<http://www.sports-media.org/>

Guy Van Damme, creator and moderator of the Sports Media website recently mentioned some of the features of his website that serves the physical education community worldwide. There is a section entitled Selected Topics from PE Journals Worldwide and a newsletter Sportapolis. While surfing Sportapolis an article on Test and Measurement in Physical Education by Dr. Lee E. Brown was found. Do take a moment to look at this website.



Update on ALTIS: the Guide to Internet Resource in Hospitality, Leisure, Sport and Tourism

A recent message to the UK's SPRIG listserv provided an update of the ALTIS website work. The subject consultants have been working hard to provide annotations to over 600 websites. This is the target goal prior to launching the website in the very near future. The website team is busy making certain the search engine functions well and the website design meets their standards.

Meetings and Conferences

Recently announced on IASI-L is the following Workshop. See the website for program details.

Sport Information Workshop

November 13 - 15, 2002, Perth, Western Australia

Theme: Sharing Information and Building Relationships

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Publications

1.

As reported previously on IASI-L, John Orchard and Greg Blood wrote an essay entitled, How to Use Databases in Sports Medicine Research p. 29-42, that was published in the book:

- *Evidence-based sports medicine*, ed. By Domhnall MacAuley and Thomas M. Best, (London: BMJ Books, 2002. ISBN 0727915843 50 GBP. Website: <http://www.bmjbooks.com/> Also available as an e-book costing 37.50 GBP for a view and print edition.

This chapter includes sections on searching for sports medicine information on the internet, using databases, searching for scientific papers in other databases, citation databases, designing your own database, and other professionally designed programs for specific topics.

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At the 109th Session of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization a report entitled, *Diet, Physical Activity and Health* was tabled (see <http://www.who.int/gb/ED-WHA/PDF/ED109/eeb10914.pdf>). This report outlines a strategy to implement increased awareness on relationship of diet, physical activity and health.

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The following has just been published:

Haag, Herbert & Haag, Gerald, eds. *Dictionary: sport, physical education, sport science*. Kiel, Christian-Albrechts-Universität, Institut für Sport und Sportwissenschaften, 2002. 550 p. 25 EUR plus 3 EUR for international shipping. 1

Dr. Haag has selected the 2000 most important sport sciences and physical education terms and provided definitions in English. This reference work includes an index in German, French and Spanish. A CD ROM accompanies the work and provides further terms translated into Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Hebrew, Romanian, Russian among others. See the website: <http://www.sportdictionary.de/> for further details or send an email to: sportpaed@email.uni-kiel.de. Address is: Dr. Herbert Haag, Christian-Albrechts Universität, Insstitut für Sport und Sportwissenschaften, Olshausenstrasse 74, 24098 Kiel, Germany.

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As recently announced to IASI-L participants the following publication is now available: *Perspectives*, vol.4, edited by Gretchen Ghent, Darlene Kluka and Denise Jones. Oxford/Aachen: Meyer & Meyer Sport, 2002. 186p. ISBN 1-84126-086-X, Cost: 19.95 USD To purchase see: <http://www.icsspe.org/> or <http://www.meyer-meyer-sports.com/>

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SPRIG 2001 Seminar Papers. Learning from Experience; Information and Major Sports Events are available on the SPRIG website at: <http://www.sprig.org.uk/>

 6.

The UNESCO publication announced in the last issue, Champions Don't Cheat/Les Champions ne trichent pas/Los Campeones no Hacen Trampas is now available in fulltext on the ICSSPE website. See <http://www.icsspe.org/>

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