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## The Forthcoming IASI World Congress: IASI Representatives on a Site Visit to Beijing

12th IASI World Congress and IASI Annual Meeting  
Beijing, May 16 - 22, 2005  
The Value of Sport Information: Towards Beijing 2008

IASI President Alain Poncet and IASI Congress Program Chair, Cindy Slater traveled to Beijing on November 15, 2004 to meet with the local hosts for the forthcoming IASI Congress that will be held on May 19-21, 2005 (with IASI Annual meeting May 16-18).



L-R: Ma Tie, Alain Poncet, Cindy Slater, Ma Tie's wife – at a tourist attraction in Beijing

Prior to their flight to Beijing, Alain and Cindy stopped off in Calgary for a brief congress planning meeting, hosted by Gretchen Ghent at her office in the University of Calgary Law Library.

Reviewed during this meeting was the planning schedule from December 2004 to May 2005, the Congress website information, the travel information and other details.

### The Site Visit

IASI President, Alain Poncet, reports that the four-day meeting was attended by the following persons from the Beijing Sports University (BSU):

- Mr He Zhenwen, Vice-President, BSU
- Mrs. Liu Meijin, Director, Network Center, BSU
- Mrs. Yu Zuefeng, Director, Division of Foreign Affairs, BSU
- Mrs. Liu Xiao Hong, International Program Director, Division of Foreign Affairs, BSU
- Mrs. Yang Ying, Director, China Sport Information Center (CSIC)
- Mr. Wang Huanfu, Vice-Director Administration Division, CSIC
- Mr. Ma Tie, IASI Vice-President, Asia

There were two other persons important to our Congress, but who could not attend:

- Mr Yang Hua, President of BSU
- Mr Yuan Shi Jie, Vice-President of China Olympic Committee

The topics of the meetings ranged from the specifics of the Congress opening and closing ceremonies, the social program, publication of the congress proceedings, essential travel and visa information for participants, transportation from airport and hotels, staff assignments by the hosts for transportation, facilities, technology/AV, food services, and translation. Further information was sought on the location and nature of the food services, including the banquet and welcome reception. The technical support of the Congress operations was reviewed and the promised internet workstations that will be available for use by Congress participants. Website updating was also an important topic for many of the preceding details will be outlined and reported there as soon as possible.

The number and geographic representation of paper and poster submissions received so far are of some concern for there should be a greater number of submissions from a wider range of countries. To this end, emails have been sent to key individuals seeking further input to assure that there is a good geographical/linguistic representation of Congress papers and posters. Please contact Program Chair, Cindy Slater (email: cindy.slater@usoc.org ) to submit an abstract as soon as possible.

### Revised IASI Congress Deadlines

#### **REVISED PLANNING SCHEDULE**

**Approved by Local Hosts, IASI President & the Program Chair  
November 20, 2004**

November 30, 2004	Abstract Submission Deadline
December 15, 2004	Authors Notified of Paper Acceptance
February 20, 2005	Fee Payment Deadline for Authors
March 1, 2005	Outline of SIRC Workshop to be sent to Cindy Slater
March 1, 2005	Outline of Local Workshop to be sent to Cindy Slater
March 1, 2005	Final Fulltext of Papers to Cindy Slater Sent to Session Chairs for Review/Comments Return to Cindy by March 18
March 15, 2005	Fee Deadline for Registrations
March 19, 2005	Final, edited, fulltext papers sent to Local Organizers
April 1, 2005	Identify and Invite Opening/Closing Ceremony Speakers
March 19 – May 1, 2005	Proceedings (English) to be published Final Program published Registration packets prepared

## Other News Bytes

### **A Visitor from Down Under**

Fall has been a good season for overseas visitors to Calgary, with the first person to arrive, David Studham (email: [davids@mcc.org.au](mailto:davids@mcc.org.au)), who is the Librarian of the Melbourne Cricket Club (<http://www.mcc.org.au/>). At the site of the MCC is also the Australian Gallery of Sport and Olympic Museum with its Olympic collections originally based on the memorabilia of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics (<http://www.mcg.org.au/>). David was on a long trip around the world that first took him to the UK where he visited various cricket organizations and museums, plus making those important visits to London bookstores. A tour of the University of Calgary Olympic speed skating oval and later a trip to Canada Olympic Park (bobsled, luge, Olympic Museum) rounded out David's stay in Calgary.

### **An Update from CIES (Centre international d'étude du sport/International Center for Sports Studies, Neuchâtel)**

<http://www.cies.ch/>

In recent email to IASI-L the CIES Librarian, Marie-Claude Borel, reported that the CIES Library catalogue is now available online with the records also part of the RERO network of Swiss library holdings (the IOC Library also reports records to RERO). The inhouse database has over 7500 records mainly in the fields of sports law, sociology, economics and history in English, French and German. Also available in the Library section of the CIES website is a monthly Acquisitions List and a list of the periodicals received in the four disciplines mentioned above.

### **News from Oceania**

Greg Blood, Client Services Librarian, NSIC sent in the following report on activities in the Oceania region.

### **Staffing Changes at NSIC and in New Zealand**

Jill Haynes, Manager and Joanne James, Senior Information Resources Manager have resigned from the National Sport Information Centre. Jill started at the NSIC in 1992 and in 1996 was appointed Manager. Jill was also the IASI Vice-President for Oceania. Jill is currently working in East Timor. In a recent email to the Editor, Jill is quoted as saying: "*One of the best parts of my job at the ASC has been the opportunity to be a member of IASI and I will miss my IASI colleagues, but still hope to be able to attend the next Congress. I'm loving being back in East Timor & very happy with my decision. It is good to try something outside of librarianship & I'm loving the new challenges.*" So we hope to see Jill in Beijing next year so that we all can say our fond farewells and best wishes. Jill's current email is: [jill\\_haynes17@hotmail.com](mailto:jill_haynes17@hotmail.com).

Joanne James commenced work at NSIC in 1989 and since 1997 was responsible for Australia's indexing contribution to the Sport Database and NSIC Full Text Archive. Both have made valuable contributions to sport information in Australia and internationally and will be sadly missed. (Note: Interviews are being held currently for the new NSIC Manager)

Simon Chamberlain has left the Library at Sport and Recreation New Zealand. A permanent replacement is yet to be appointed.

### **New NSIC Service**

The NSIC has started a free new service to alert clients to topical new articles, websites, conferences etc. The service called **SportScan** Update can be subscribed through the website - <http://www.ausport.gov.au/nsic/sportscan/subscribe.asp>

### **AUSPIN Workshop**

The Australasian Sport Information Network (AUSPIN) Annual Workshop was held at the Queensland Academy of Sport on 18-19 November 2004. There were representatives from all Australia states except Western Australia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. Main items discussed during the workshop were:

- 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 copyright impacting on sport information in Australia.

### **Information Centre Changes**

Queensland Academy of Sport Information Centre has moved into the refurbished Queensland Sports and Athletic Centre (formerly ANZ Stadium). Victorian Institute of Sport Information Centre has moved to Olympic Park in Melbourne. For the first time both these organisations are located at sporting complexes.

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 Olympic Park and provide general information services.

### **Active After-schools Program**

The Australian Government has established Active After-School Communities. This program is an after school hours sports program that aims to improve the health and well being of Australia's primary school aged children through structured physical activity. It will be delivered nationally to

Australian primary schools and Childcare Benefit approved Out of School Hour Care Services. For further information visit the website - <http://www.ausport.gov.au/aasc>

## Web Happenings

### **UN Launches the International Year of Sport and Physical Education for 2005)**

<http://www.sport2005.org/>

(Note this website is not active yet but should be soon)

On 5 November UN Secretary General Kofi Annan declared 2005 the International Year of Sport and Physical Education as a “good vehicle for promoting education, health, development and peace as part of the overall efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).” The UNESCO website has a 14 page brochure (PDF format) that explains the program and its goals. See

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0013/001375/13750e.pdf>

The ICSSPE website (<http://www.icsspe.org/>) also has information on a February 13-15, 2005 conference called International Forum on Sports and Development to be held at the Evangelische Akademie Bad Boll.

## New Publications

### **EURAPA: the European Review of Aging and Physical Activity**

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

The European Group for Research into Elderly and Physical Activity has launched a new journal entitled: *EURAPA: the European Review of Aging and Physical Activity*. The first issue of the semi-annual publication was published in August 2004, free to members or available at a cost of \$10 USD. See the website for the Contents of this first issue. For more information email Dr. Michael Brach, at [michael.brach@uni-bonn.de](mailto:michael.brach@uni-bonn.de)

## Forthcoming Conferences

### **Joint Conference, IASMHF/NASLIN/CASH Slated for Calgary, October 18-22, 2005.**

After a slight setback due to the loss of a local host site, the planning committee for a joint conference of the International Association of Sports Museums and Halls of Fame, the North American Sport Library Network and the Canadian Association for Sport Heritage, have re-assembled and have found an alternative site at a Calgary hotel, the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, located across from Canada Olympic Park (COP). With the approval of all three boards of directors, the organizing committee is forging ahead with the planning for this joint conference. The committee consists of: Gladys Serafino (COP), Tom West, Gretchen Ghent (NASLIN), Sheila Kelly (IASMHF board liaison and Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame), Roger Yaffe, IASMHF Executive Secretary, J'neen Wolfe and Julie Bailey (Bob Feller Museum). Details of the conference will be placed on the NASLIN website in late January 2005.

### **13th European Association of Sport Management Congress, Newcastle-Gateshead, UK, 7-10 September 2005**

<http://www.easm2005.com>

Sponsored by Northumbria University, this conference will be held at the Sage Gateshead facility in Newcastle. A call for abstracts has been issued with a deadline of March 31, 2005. The theme of this congress is: The POWER of Sport.

**5th International Symposium Computer Science in Sport, 25-28 May 2005, Hvar, Croatia**

<http://www.iacss2005.hr>

Organized by Croatian Association on Computer Science in Sport (CACSS) and the International Association on Computer Science in Sport (IACSS), this conference will be held in the Hotel Amfora in Hvar. The main topics include:

- Data, Acquisition, Databases and Data Analysis
- Multimedia and Educational Tools
- Information Technology and Programming
- Artificial Intelligence
- Modelling, Complex systems and Simulations

**13th Commonwealth International Sport Conference, 9-12 March 2006, Melbourne**

<http://www.cisc2006.com/>

The 13<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth International Sport Conference will be held on 9-12 March 2006 in Melbourne. This Conference precedes the Commonwealth Games 15-26 March 2006. The four key disciplines of the Conference include:

- Sport management
- Sport/Science medicine
- Sport Studies
- Sport Coaching

Please note that AUSPIN has been asked to hold a sports information stream as part of the Conference. If you are interested in presenting a paper please contact Greg Blood, Client Services Librarian at NSIC. Email: [greg.blood@ausport.gov.au](mailto:greg.blood@ausport.gov.au)

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