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### Highlights from the IASI Annual Meeting and General Assembly, Beijing, 16-17, 2005



The campus of the Beijing Sport University was decorated with banners welcoming participants to the 12th IASI World Congress, Annual Meeting and General Assembly. Summer flowers adorned the BSU campus and the impressive boardroom of the BSU administration building where the Annual Meeting and General Assembly was held.

Key actions at the meeting included the approval of two new Standing Committees; IASI Website, Archives and Information Committee (IWAIC) and the International Contributors Committee to SPORTDiscus (ICCS)

In addition the new officers and members of the Executive Committee were elected / appointed. They include:

#### IASI Officers, 2005-2009

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The Minutes will be distributed via the listserv and will also be available on the IASI website along with the contact details of the ExCo. A Congress Participants List is being compiled by your editor.

#### The SIRC Workshop: a Report

On Wednesday morning, May 18, Debra Gassewitz, President & CEO of SIRC, began the workshop with an update on the SportDiscus database with comments on the present day challenges to database producers.

At December 2004, SportDiscus has 690,733 records, 86% contributed by SIRC indexing staff. New records added in 2004 equaled about 30,000 with additional 10,000 records that were updated or amalgamated. International contributors that year contributed:

Australia's NSIC 2827	AAFLA 1217	Calgary (G.Ghent) 113
Sportdoc (France) 2000	Italy 433	Finland 106

Taken as a whole, over the years, the top eight international contributors are:

France 102,000+	AAFLA 15,000+	Calgary 4,043	Finland 1549
Australia NSIC 40,467	China 6,896	Italy 2742	Poland 889

In her comments on the current database industry, Debra outlined the challenges facing database producers. These include the growth of library/university consortia where lower subscription prices are asked for on behalf of all members of the consortia. This can have a negative impact on income for the database producer. Additionally other factors include the demand for more fulltext articles, higher copyright fees, and the new Google Scholar where researchers can find more academic papers online.

In consideration of these and other factors, Debra announced that as of March 31, 2005, *SPORTDiscus* database was sold to the vendor EBSCO. SIRC will remain as the indexer and producer of records. EBSCO focuses on academic, medical, and public libraries and has a growing strength in providing fulltext to the major journals. The database will also be available via OVID, DIALOG and SilverPlatter.

This change will afford SIRC the opportunity to protect *SPORTDiscus* as a database and strengthened sport information access and delivery. EBSCO has also promised to protect *SPORTDiscus*, work with SIRC on indexing and product development, guarantee international content and discounts to contributors. For the past four years, where SIRC has copyright permission, many indexed materials have been committed to fulltext. SIRC has permission to digitize articles from 840 journals from 300 publishers. This will compliment the fulltext offered by EBSCO. SIRC has been working with the Canadian sport sciences community to expand access to the database and offer document delivery to an organization's membership

For the near future, SIRC plans to introduce new journal titles, create a sub-database of Canadian sport, support and enhance document delivery services, concentrate on educating users in effective database searching techniques, and promote the Sport Research Award that honors excellence in sports sciences research.

The second part of the Workshop was conducted by Diane O'Dwyer, SIRC's Sport Information Manager and featured the basics of searching *SPORTDiscus* on the EBSCO platform. With a seven page Quick Guide in hand, a review of important features of the database was conducted. These included the "explode" feature using descriptors, the basics of Boolean and the importance of using "limiters" to produce a more specific search.

Diane is the new liaison for the international contributors as Linda Wheeler left SIRC at the end of March 2005. Diane will be re-establishing the international contributors Intranet where new thesaurus terms were posted along with other new codes or indexing rules. Her email is: [dodwyer@sirc.ca](mailto:dodwyer@sirc.ca)

### **Key Activities from the 12th IASI World Congress, Beijing, May 19-21, 2005**

The Congress opened on May 19 with welcoming speeches from the President of Beijing Sport University, dignitaries from the China Sport Information Center, the People's Government of the Haidian District, and IASI President Alain Poncet. The opening keynote speaker, Kristine Toohey from Australia's Griffith University presented the audience with the topic: Sport Information: Where Are We Now? This set the stage for the following keynote speakers Yoo Mi Steffen (on behalf of Philippe Blanchard, IOC), Melissa Kimmerly, Olympic Games Knowledge Services and Gilad Weingarten (Wingate Institute) speaking on "Perspectives from the Olympic Commentary Position." The 2nd Plenary speaker, Amit Solomon provided insight on importance of digitization of resources, with the 3rd Plenary speaker, Nick Rowe, looking at the politics, practice and realities of sport participation measurement. The keynote speaker for the 4th Plenary Session was Pierre Joseph de Hillerin who spoke on using sport information to promote elite athlete development. The 5th and final keynote speaker, Wayne Wilson, challenged participants to think about a new model for the sports library in this technological age.

There were three concurrent sessions running during the three-day congress. Each of the lecture rooms was equipped with a computer terminal and LCD projection along with a knowledgeable technician to assist the speakers. Generous poster session times were set aside for everyone to view and read the professionally produced posters.

Congress participants were treated to a sumptuous opening banquet on Thursday evening that was held at the Nirvana Resort. On Friday the after dinner activity included an acrobatic show at the Shangdi Recreation Club. The social events were topped off on Saturday by a closing banquet at the BSU cafeteria's third floor banquet room.

Many IASI members who remained in Beijing for two additional days after the Congress enjoyed Sunday morning's tour of a section of the Great Wall, located at the Badaling (Badaling is in Yanqing County, more than 70 kilometers northwest from the center of Beijing City). After lunch, members toured the peaceful and serene grounds of the Summer Palace. On Monday, the Forbidden City was the focus of the morning's activities. The tour of this huge palace complex, covering 74 hectares, started the south gate across from Tiananmen Square to the north gate. After a splendid lunch at a well known restaurant, the tour group proceeded to the Temple of Heaven.

On behalf of IASI members, we wish to thank the sponsors of the 12th Congress: the China Sport Information Center, Beijing Sport University and the People's Government of Haidian District, Beijing.

### **Other News Bytes**

## **SPOLIT and BISp**

Georg Anders reports that the BISp-databases, *SPOLIT*, *SPOFOR*, *SPOMEDIA* are integrated in the German interdisciplinary science internet portal VASCODA since April 2004. In the context of VASCODA (<http://www.vascoda.de>) BISp works on the connection of the search terms used in SPOLIT with the semantically heterogeneous search terms having similar meaning in different databases of social sciences, pedagogics, psychology and medicine (and some more in the future) so that it will be possible to have cross database searching with the SPOLIT terms. BISp, the German Sport University Cologne, Institute of Applied Training Science (IAT) in Leipzig, German Association of Sport Science and the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation have made a cooperative application for financing the establishing of a "Virtual Library Sport Science" in Germany. One of the purposes of this planned Internet portal is the extension and the improvement of the nationwide access to the literature based on conventional and digital information sources with the aim of having a "one-stop-shopping" approach for sport researchers. The decision on this proposal will be made in the summer of 2005.

## **News from Australia**

### **Information Centre Changes**

The NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) Information Centre's collection based in Narrabeen has been transferred to the Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE), 8 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park. As a result there is now a 'super' sports library/information centre at Sydney Olympic Park. Anne Anderson is now located at the NSW Tourism, Sport and Recreation Central Office, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, and will have access to an electronic collection of journals and access to the ACPE Library.

### **NSIC - International**

Over the last two months the NSIC has been involved in two international projects: Zacchaeus Emmanuel, Chief Librarian with the Nigerian National Institute for Sports (NNIS is located at the National Stadium Complex in Surulere, Lagos), undertook a two month training placement within the NSIC. In addition, the NSIC provided assistance in selecting and purchasing new resources for the NNIS Library. (Note: the NIS focuses on the training of sports administrators, coaches, sports broadcasters and sport medical specialists.) The NSIC developed a sports information services strategy for the Papua New Guinea National Sports Institute based in Goroka. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) also provided funding to purchase new resources for the Institute's Library.

### **NSIC Staffing**

Jodie Davis, NSIC Web Services Manager, resigned from the ASC after 16 years service. Jodie was responsible for the developing the ASC's first website in 1995 and subsequent rebuilds and refinements.

The NSIC welcomes the following new staff to the world of sport information –

- Craig Elphick, Information Management Specialist,
- Leanne Huddy, Senior Information Resources Librarian,
- Darren McMurtrie, Audio Visual Technician, and
- Pat Birgan, Web Developer.

IASI Congress - Beijing

Gavin Reynolds, NSIC Manager, has been elected as the new Vice-President for Oceania replacing Jill Haynes. Gavin's email address: [gavin.reynolds@ausport.gov.au](mailto:gavin.reynolds@ausport.gov.au)  
Australia was well represented at the 12th IASI World Congress with a keynote speech by Kristine Toohey, papers by Sue Halbwirth, Paul Stokoe, and posters by Greg Blood and Gavin Reynolds.

The 13th Commonwealth International Sport Conference, 9-12 March 2006, Melbourne  
If you are interested in presenting at the above conference in the topic of sport information, please advise Greg Blood ([nsic@ausport.gov.au](mailto:nsic@ausport.gov.au)). If there's enough interest an information stream will be created. Further details of the Conference are at - <http://www.cisc2006.com>

### **News from Asia Region**

Dennis Whitby

Many IASI members will remember Dennis Whitby who participated in the IASI Annual Meeting in Barcelona. He recently sent an email informing friends and colleagues that he has stepped down as Performance Director with sportperformance Ltd on May 17 to form his own company, SportPlus. SportPlus will initially concentrate on performance assessment/enhancement, sports education and fitness assessment/medical screening.

A website is forthcoming. His new contact details are:

Dennis Whitby, PhD, Director

SportPlus Ltd

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## Database Updates

### **SPONET**

<http://www.sponet.de/>

During mealtime at the BSU Guesthouse restaurant, Hartmut Sandner, Head, Information and Documentation Dept., at Leipzig's Institute for Applied Training Science, described the techniques he and his staff use to keep the SPONET database healthy and up to date. He mentioned that there are now 10,600 references in the database, most with abstracts. In addition, there's a new search platform for SPONET. Using Google, performing database searches and following up on known sport sciences researchers are all methods employed by staff to find additional references for the database. Other work entails seeking permission from publishers to include the abstract in the database, or writing one where necessary.

**SportBox:** a database of German language sport books

<http://www.sportbox.de/>

In another initiative, Hartmut has created a database of German language sport sciences books, ranging from instruction manuals to advanced level research materials. His new database is called SportBox. There are now 1,015 books in the database from over 100 publishing houses. A request is made for a sample copy of the book and permission

sought to write an abstract and scan the cover of the book for placement in the database. To view the books click on Literatur-service. To search for titles click on Suche.

## New Publications

Bodin, Dominique; Robéne & Héas, Stéphane.

Sport and violence in Europe

Strasbourg Cedex: Council of Europe Publishing, 2005

246p. ISBN 9287155119 EUR 19 or \$29 USD Pub web: <http://book.coe.int/>

Jenkins, Simon.

Sports science handbook: the essential guide to kinesiology, sport & exercise science.

Brentwood, Essex: Multi-Science Publishing Co. Ltd, 2005

2 vol (v.1 A-H; ISBN 0906522366 & v.2, I-Z, ISBN 0906522374), 37.50 GBP each vol.

Pub web: <http://www.multi-science.co.uk/>

Levinson, David & Christensen, Karen, eds.

Berkshire Encyclopedia of World Sport

Great Barrington, MA; Berkshire Publishing Group, 2005

4 Vols (approx. 2000 pages total) ISBN 0974309117 \$475 USD, Pub web:

<http://www.berkshirepublishing.com/brw/product.asp?projid=30#>

Editorial Board, Edward Beauchamp, Jay Coakley, Allen Guttmann, Leslie Heywood, Gertrud Pfister, Roland Renson, Allen Sack, Thierry Terret and Wayne Wilson.

## Forthcoming Conferences

13th Commonwealth International Sport Conference, 9-12 March, 2006 Melbourne, Australia Theme: People, Participation and Performance

<http://www.cisc2006.com/Pub/pStart.asp>

IAPESGW Congress, August 10-13, 2005

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Theme: Learning and Leadership: Women's Influence on Policy, Research, and Practice.

Website: <http://www.iapesgw2005.org/>

Note: ICSSPE will conduct its annual meeting that includes the meeting of the Associations Board and the Editorial Board. Alain Poncet and Gretchen Ghent will represent IASI at these meetings.

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