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## **IASI Annual Meeting and Extraordinary General Assembly, Tokyo, May 23-25, 2007 Highlights of the Meeting**

This Annual Meeting and EGA were hosted by the Japan Institute for Sports Sciences and the Sasakawa Sports Foundation. Meetings were held in the JISS boardroom and information offices. The key topics for the meeting included the updating of IASI Statutes and By-laws to assure that the regulations regarding Presidential succession were clear. Other topics included an update work on IASI projects, partners and the 2009 IASI World Congress. The EGA was held to elect a new President and fill 5 vacancies on the Executive Committee. Candidates were elected by acclamation, as there was one candidate for the Presidency and 5 candidates for the Executive Committee. The new officers are:

- Ms Gretchen Ghent, President

Executive Committee:

- Ms Berta Cerezuela, Library and Documentation Service, Centre d'Estudis Olímpics, Autonomous University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain) who was also appointed the new IASI Publications Officer
- Ms Isabelle Daguin, Publication Officer, INSEP (Paris, France)
- Mr. Charl Durand, Deputy Director, Information and Research, Sport and Recreation South Africa.
- Mr. David Roberts, Chief Operating Officer, SIRC & IASI-Treasurer
- Mr. Ervin Sramel, ESC Informacijake Resitve d.o.o., Slovenia

During a break in the meeting a Workshop was organized with the featured speaker, Ms Bethany Wright, MLS. Ms Wright is from EBSCO who is the owner and vendor for the SPORTDiscus database. The focus of the workshop is on the changes made to the database and plans for the future especially expansion of the number of the fulltext journals available to subscribers. Ms Wright's Powerpoint presentation is available on the IASI website in the Members Only section.

See also The Quick Guide to Searching the SPORTDiscus with Full Text  
<http://www.sirc.ca/documents/EBSCOSearchGuideSPORTDiscus.pdf>

## **International Sports Information Seminar, Tokyo, May 26, 2007**

This seminar was organized by our local hosts and held at the Japan Foundation headquarters, Ark Mori Building in downtown Tokyo. Simultaneous translation services were provided.

The presentations and papers included:

**10:00 Opening Address**

JISS Director-General: Kazuya Kasahara

**10:30-12:00 Keynote Speech: Sport Information: Past, Present, Future**

IASI vice president: Dr. Gretchen Ghent

**13:00-13:30 Speech: Sports Information in Japan: Past, Present and Future**

Kobe University Dr. Yasuo Yamaguchi

**13:30-14:30 Invited talk: Aspects of Pattern Analysis in Sport and Sport Information**

IACSS Dr. Jurgen Perl

**14:30-15:30 Panel Discussion: Video software and sports: Its possibilities and futures**

Gavin Reynolds  
Dr. Hartmut Sandner  
Chikara Miyaji  
Dr. Jurgen Perl (Moderator)  
**16:00-17:00 Workshop, Tips for searching SPORTDiscus**  
USOC Cindy Slater

Our host, Chikara Miyaji has placed the Proceedings of this seminar on the JISS website. See the PDF file indicator following each speaker's name at [http://www.ijiss.jp/iasi/index.php?seminar\\_program](http://www.ijiss.jp/iasi/index.php?seminar_program)

### **Field Trips and Social Events in Tokyo, May 25**

On Friday afternoon, a bus took IASI ExCo and members to the Kasumigaoka National Stadium where the ceremonies and events for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics were held. A visit was made to the Prince Chichibu Memorial Sports Museum and the Sports Library, both housed within the stadium structure.

The Sports Library contains about 30,000 volumes and over 400 periodical titles, mainly in Japanese with representative titles in other languages. Compact shelving houses the backruns of many periodicals and a card catalogue provides access to the book and periodical collection. An online catalogue is being developed.

The Sports Museum is named for Prince Yasuhito Chichibu, (1901-ca1947) who is affectionately known as the Sportsman Prince. He was an adventurous man, participating in many sports including rugby, sculling and mountain climbing. Through his patronage and promotion of sports in Japan, sports participation made great advancements in the early part of the 20th century.

The Sports Museum features displays of Olympic Games memorabilia from the Stockholm Games, when Japan first participated, to the present. Emphasis in many displays is on the Winter Games in Nagano and the 1964 Olympic Games. The Museum has a fine collection of Olympic torches, and examples of Olympic Games mascots. Sculptures by Japanese artists and a poster collection add to the beauty of the displays.

After the visit to the Sports Museum and Library, the bus took participants to the Kokugaikan Sumo Arena where the final hours of sumo matches were in progress. We were fortunate to see the matches by some of the grand masters of the sport. It was thrilling to see this event in situ with the colorfully dressed match officials conducting events with traditional ceremonial ritual.

After the match we walked across the street to a restaurant owned by sumo wrestlers to partake of a Chanko dinner, which is typical of the food sumo wrestlers eat during training. Food is cooked at the table in large boiling pots. Meat, vegetables and fish were featured.



IASI Treasurer David Roberts with one of the restaurant's Sumo owners.

On behalf of the IASI ExCo we want to thank the Japan Institute of Sports Sciences for providing wonderful facilities for holding the meeting and for the outstanding hosting support to IASI members. Many thanks to the Sasakawa Sports Foundation for the marvelous banquet on Friday night plus providing other host services.

### **13th IASI World Congress, Canberra, Australia, March 11-13, 2009**

Congress Website: <https://secure.ausport.gov.au/conferences/iasi>

Another important meeting held prior to the Annual Meeting concerned the planning for the IASI World Congress. The Program Committee, local host chair, Gavin Reynolds and IASI officers discussed the congress goals, congress announcements, distribution and marketing. Mr. Reynolds expressed the desire that the Congress showcase AIS/NSIC initiatives with more informality in the social and ceremonial events but innovative and progressive sessions, with more papers and discussions that apply knowledge rather than theoretical research.

The Congress main theme is:

#### **Building and Sustaining Sport Information Communities – Through Connectivity, Collaboration, and Sharing**

with five session themes:

- Online Collaboration Solutions for Sport Information Communities
- Electronic Sport Information Resource Sharing
- Digital Asset Management Repositories
- Sport Performance Analysis Applications and Technology Solutions
- Knowledge Delivery, Online Libraries and Archives

The Program Committee and IASI officers agreed on the following deadlines:

September 3, 2007\*\* – First Announcement with information on session themes, location, time and host organization

October 15, 2007 – Deadline for keynote speaker suggestions to the Program Committee

December 3, 2007\*\* – Second Announcement with further information on abstract deadlines, accommodation, and other congress events.

September 1, 2008 – Deadline for abstracts of papers and posters

December 1, 2008 – Deadline for fulltext papers

\*\*These deadlines have now been slightly altered so that the dates do not fall on a weekend

Program Committee is:

Cindy Slater, Chair

Gavin Reynolds, & also Chair, Local Host Committee

Hartmut Sandner,  
Isabelle Daguin-Caswell  
Anitta Palvimaki  
Gretchen Ghent, Ex-Officio

### **IASI Website Additions:**

Members Only>Practical Guides>Video Resources

The following documents have been added (with kind permission from Gavin Reynolds)

- Televised Sports Footage: Seeking Permissions for Performance Analysis Purposes
- AIS Source Broadcast Licence Template.pdf.
- OTAB Footage Request Form1.pdf

### **New IASI Members**

The following are new IASI members from May 2007 to date:

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See the IPC website (<http://www.paralympic.org/>) for information on the Documentation Centre and also a number of fulltext documents.

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Mr. Erkelens, a former editor at Springer, has his own company where he is in the process of ranking of all countries based on their collective sports participation. He needs to have more information on what sports are played by how many people in the different countries. Unfortunately there is no URL yet for SCORE.

## **Other News Bytes**

### **Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles Becomes the LA84 Foundation**

[www.LA84Foundation.org](http://www.LA84Foundation.org)

In a recent email from Wayne Wilson, VP Education Services, the following announcement was made:

In 1984, the Games of the XXIII Olympiad brought the best of sport to Southern California. The city and people of Los Angeles demonstrated what can be accomplished when we work together toward a common goal.

Today, the spirit of the 1984 Olympic Games lives on. Through direct grants, sponsored programs and refurbishment of facilities, our Foundation has enabled millions of youth to discover and develop their potential by participating in sports. For over 20 years we have provided fresh insight into the most pressing issues in youth sports, guided coaches to cultivate the best in their athletes and strengthened the ties between generations and communities. And while we're proud of what we've accomplished, we're even more excited about our future impact.

To clarify public understanding, signal our renewed energy, urgency and commitment, and to perpetually honor the spirit of the Games that led to our existence, we are proud to announce that we have changed our name from the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles to the LA84 Foundation.

Although our name, logo and colors have changed, our commitment to advancing youth sport in Southern California has not. In the years to come, we will continue to champion the foundational role sport plays in providing today's youth with the skills they need to take on the challenges of life.

Below is the updated contact information.

New Website address: <http://www.la84foundation.org/>

Wayne Wilson, Vice President, Education Services, Email: [wwilson@LA84Foundation.org](mailto:wwilson@LA84Foundation.org)

### **6th IACSS Conference, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 3-6, 2007**

The IACSS conference at the University of Calgary had about 140 people registered who represented about 23 countries. Sunday June 3 was a day of workshops with June 4 the official start of the conference. Keynote speaker, G. Ghent presented a paper entitled *Innovations in Access and Delivery of Sport Information*. IASI member Chikara Miyaji and 4 colleagues from Japan also participated. Chikara's paper was *A Suitable Searching Method for Sports Movie Database* and also *A Method for Analyzing Tactics in the Phase of Reception Attack in Volleyball using Game Theory*.

Copies of the Proceedings are available on CD ROM from:

Savvy Knowledge Systems Corp.  
606, 7620 Elbow Drive S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2V 1K2  
Phone: (403) 264-7201  
Toll free: 1-800-230-5593  
Fax: (403) 264-7224  
Cost: USD \$20 plus \$5.95 shipping

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### **World Anti-Doping Code, 2nd Revised Draft Consultation**

ICSSPE's Executive Board issued a press release on August 1, concerning their recommendations for the 2nd Revised Draft of the WADC that is in the consultation phase. ICSSPE strongly supports doping-free sport for this allows equal and fair competition among athletes. They further recommended that WADC and UNESCO's International Convention Against Doping use similar terminology so that both codes are easily understood. In addition, they recommend that Europe's national legislation and the international federation rules operate cooperatively and concurrently. For further information see the press release at <http://www.iccspe.org/>

### **Hong Kong Public Library Requests Hyperlink**

The HKPL Director for Leisure & Cultural Services requested a hyperlink to IASI website for they are building their link directory to important websites. See HKPL website at: <http://www.hkpl.gov.hk/> .

### **ICSSPE/Human Kinetics Share the Knowledge Project**

In the July issue of ICSSPE's monthly news, there appeared a report on a recent recipient of the Share the Knowledge Project that is supported by Human Kinetics Publishers (and IASI). From the July issue is quoted:

One of these recipients, the Sports Promotion Organization of Nepal, has found the programme has made a valuable impact on its studies. As Puskar Raj Pant, President of the Sports Promotion Organization of Nepal explains, "My team and I have benefited from the books provided in our efforts to implement physical education in our region. In a country in a financial condition like Nepal, our organisation is not capable of spending much money to buy books." In fact, the organisation has an annual budget of only \$300 per year for books.

Since its launch, Human Kinetics Publishers has shipped over 1,500 books as part of the Share the Knowledge programme. Kristen Henderson of Human Kinetics explains, "As long as we receive requests from these institutions in need, we will continue to deliver books to help their research."

## **Publications**

### **European Commission**

Sports Ministers from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK initiated an Independent European Sport Review (<http://www.independentfootballreview.com/index.html> ) to consider and provide tangible recommendations for the implementation of the Nice Declaration of 2000 ( [http://ec.europa.eu/sport/action\\_sports/nice/nice\\_overview.en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/action_sports/nice/nice_overview.en.html) or see further explanations at <http://www.sportdevelopment.org.uk/html/nicedeclaration.html> ). This two-part review examined the legal, economic and political matters of sport in the European Union and used soccer/football as a case study. This review is the forerunner to the White Paper.

The July 14, 2007 issue of the Economist (London) carried two articles on sport in the European Union countries. The European Commission issued the *White Paper on Sport* ([http://ec.europa.eu/sport/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/index_en.html) ) that acknowledges the increasing social and economic role of sport. Prior to publishing this White Paper extensive consultations were carried out on the current state of sport. While many sports ministers and international federations approve of the recommendations, critics argue that the topic of anti-

trust/competition law still needs to be discussed further especially for the game of soccer/football. This White Paper is available in 22 European languages and includes sections on:

- Action Plan
- Background and Context
- Impact Assessment
- Impact Assessment Summary

### **ICSSPE Publications**

In anticipation of ICSSPE's 50th anniversary that will be celebrated in 2008, the original ICSSPE *Declaration on Sport* (22p)

<http://www.icsspe.org/portal/index.php?w=5&z=8&sta=1>

published in 1964 under their original name, the International Council of Sport and Physical Education. A French version is also available in PDF format.

Higgs, Colin & Vanlandewijck, Yves, ed.

Sport for Persons with a Disability

Berlin, ICSSPE, 2007

211p. ISBN 3981117905 \$19.95 USD/EUR 15.95, (Perspectives, v7.)

### **International Platform on Sport and Development**

The August issue of their newsletter is available at:

<http://www.sportanddev.org/en/newsletter/issue-no.-7/index.htm>

A new publication by UK Sport is available on monitoring and evaluation of sport and development programs, called *Sport in Development: a Monitoring and Evaluation Manual* (PDF document). In addition there are other new documents and information on gender equity, video sharing and other projects.

## **Conferences**

### **5th, Play the Game Conference, 28 Oct to 2nd November, 2007, Reykjavik, Iceland**

[http://www.playthegame.org/Conferences/Play\\_the\\_Game\\_2007.aspx](http://www.playthegame.org/Conferences/Play_the_Game_2007.aspx)

From 28 October to 2 November 2007, hundreds of leading media professionals, academics, and officials in world sport will meet in Reykjavik to discuss corruption, doping, political abuse, changing lifestyles and a number of other challenges to modern sport. See the website for conference details.