

**IASI Meetings  
March 2002  
Minutes**

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**The International Association  
for Sports Information**

**IASI**

**thanks the  
Catalonian Sports Council  
for the excellent organization  
of the 2002 IASI meetings  
in Barcelona, Spain**

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**IASI Executive Committee  
Barcelona, 2002  
14-18 March 2002**



## Schedule

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>		Arrival of participants
	16:00 – 18:00	Presidential Board meeting at the Museu Colet
	18:30	Welcome address by the General Secretary of Sport at the Museu Colet
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 – 14:30	Seminar “The Impact of the Internet on Sports Information”
	16:00 –17:00	“Ad hoc” Wkg meetings.
	17:00 –19:00	Regional groups meetings
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 – 13:30	IASI Executive Committee meeting.Part A. Opening of the meeting by the Director of the Catalan Council of Sport
	15:30 – 18:00	Open Forum
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 – 13:30	IASI Executive Committee meeting.Part B
	15:30 – 19:00	IASI Executive Committee meeting.Part C
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 -	Social Program

	14:00	
	Free afternoon	Presidential Board
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Departure of participants or post meeting tours

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2002

Seminar

The Impact of the Internet on Sports Information

09.00-09.45 *Copyright on the Internet*

**Santiago Orós**. Head of the Territorial Register of Copyright in Catalonia. Departament de Cultura. Generalitat de Catalunya (Autonomous Government of Catalonia)

09.45-10.30 *Users' right to access information*

**Núria Gallart**. Head of projects for the Library Service of the Barcelona Autonomous University

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.45 *The treatment of electronic journals in the Barcelona University Library.*

Lluïsa Núñez. **Head of information technologies of the Barcelona University Library**

11.45-12.30 *Users' training at the virtual library of the UOC*

**Anna Pérez**. Training coordinator at the virtual library of UOC.  
**Esther Ruiz**. Documentalist of UOC (Catalonia Virtual University)

12.30-12.45 Break

12.45-13.15 *Digitalisation of historical Catalan press at the Biblioteca de l'Esport.*

**M. Lluïsa Berasategui**. Director of the Biblioteca de l'Esport. Consell Català de l'Esport. Generalitat de Catalunya. (Autonomous Government of Catalonia). Member of IASI Executive Committee.  
**Josep M. Rodríguez**. Manager of DOC6 (Documentation consultants). Barcelona. Spain

13.15-14.30 Round table

Subject *The role of the Internet in sports information*

Moderator **Erika Schwarz**. Head of the Documentation Service. Higher Sports Council. Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. Madrid. Spain

Participants and topics they will deal with

- Alain Poncet.** IASI President. Head of the Documentation Service. INSEP. Paris. France  
The Pan European Sports Information Service Project
- Ayala Maharik.** IASI Vice President for Europe. Director of the Wingate Institute Library. Netanya. Israel  
*The IASI listserv.*
- Gretchen Ghent.** IASI Vice President for North America. Librarian Emeritus. University of Calgary. Canada  
*Major sport libraries networks*
- Jill Haynes.** IASI Vice President for Oceania. Manager of the National Sport Information Centre. Australian Sports Commission. Belconnen. Australia  
*New trends in Internet delivery of sport information services in Australia*
- José Aquesolo.** IASI Executive Secretary. Director of Documentation. Instituto Andaluz del Deporte. Junta de Andalucía (Andalusian Institute of Sport, Autonomous Government of Andalusia). Malaga. Spain  
*The possibility of accessing sports information in developing countries*

**Minutes  
of the  
Executive Committee  
Meeting**

**14 – 18 March, 2002  
Barcelona, Spain**

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**Thanks to all the IASI ExCo members who  
helped the Reporter to prepare these Minutes**



# Executive Committee meeting

## 14 - 18 March 2002

Barcelona, Spain

(001) From 14 to 18 March 2002, the annual meetings of IASI took place in Barcelona – Catalonia (Spain). The meetings were organised by the Consell Català de l'Esport (Catalonian Sports Council) from the Autonomous Government of Catalonia.

(002) The program included sessions of the Executive Committee, the Presidential Board, the Programme Committee of the 2005 World Congress, the Open Forum and a Local Sports Information Seminar.

(003) IASI business meetings were attended by 41 participants from 23 countries (*see Appendix 001, page 029*). The National seminar, integrated part of the Open Forum, was attended by 167 participants.

(004) The Opening Ceremony took place on Thursday 14th afternoon in presence of the general Secretary of Sport from Catalonia. Mr. Josep Maldonado, General Secretary of Sport from the Autonomous Government of Catalonia, addressed a welcome message to the participants. IASI President, Mr. Alain Poncet, stressed the importance of this meeting as a cornerstone for the further development of sports information all over the world.

(005) The members of the Executive Committee were impressed by the high level of the services offered by the local organisers. The enthusiasm of the staff members of the Sport Library (belonging the Catalonian School of Sports, the teaching and information body of the Catalonian Sports Council) contributed positively to the success of the 2002 annual meeting.

## Part A : Introduction and reports

### **A.1. Welcome**

(006) The President, Mr Alain Poncet, welcomed the participants, in particular the new members of the Executive Committee elected at the General Assembly held in Lausanne in 2001, and invited all of them, including observers, to actively contribute to the discussions and the work of the Executive Committee.

(007) Mr. Alain Poncet heartily thanked the member of IASI Executive Committee Ms. Maria Lluïsa Berasategui, Director of the Sport Library of Catalonia, for her valuable work in charge of the organisation of the local meetings of Barcelona 2002.

(008) Before dealing with the agenda, the Secretary General reported on the two Executive Committee members that had not been able to attend the meeting: Mr. Laercio Elias Pereira, from Brazil, and Mr. Hartmut Sandner, from Germany. Both apologized in writing for their absence.

### **A.2. Approval of the Agenda**

(009) The Executive Committee approved the agenda as presented in **Appendix 002, page 031**.

### **A.3. Approval of the Minutes of IASI meeting in Lausanne**

(010) No comments have been received by the secretariat related to the draft Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 21-23 and 28 April 2001 in Lausanne. Some of those present, Mr. Wang Huanfu and Mr. Chicara Miyaji informed that they had not received the minutes.

(011) The ExCo participants approved unanimously the Minutes of IASI meeting in Lausanne.

### **A.4. Report from IASI President**

(012) Mr Alain Poncet, IASI President, submitted his official record (**see Appendix 03, page 035**). He recalled the significant role played so far by Nerida Clarke and Albert Remans and he pointed out that one of the main tasks carried

out during the period had been the amendments to the Statutes and By-Laws, besides moving the Presidium and the Secretariat to their new head offices in Paris and Malaga.

(013) IASI President reviewed IASI's relationships with ICSSP and the IOC, and assessed the development of the different regions. He also set as a priority for the coming year the following objectives:

- To regain an administrative and financial working balance of the Association
- To develop a marketing and communication plan for IASI paying attention to the specific features of each region and publishing a presentation brochure as soon as possible.
- To develop strategies for the promotion of sports information and to encourage the creation of new sport information centres.
- To serve the specific needs of IASI members.

## **A.5. Report from the Executive Secretary**

(014) The Secretary Treasurer provided the participants with a detailed written report (*see Appendix 004, page 039*) about the activities of the secretariat during the last year.

(015) The written report of the Secretary Treasurer contained mainly information concerning the voting process for the approval of the amendments to IASI Statutes.

## **A.6. Report from the Treasurer**

(016) Ms. Anitta Palvimäki, new IASI Treasurer, briefly reported on the financial situation (*see Appendix 005, page 043*), pointing out at the difficulties arisen from the management of the accounts already existing in The Netherlands.

## **A.7. Report from the Publications Officer**

(017) The Publications Officer, Ms. Gretchen Ghent, informed about the work carried out throughout the year on this matter (*see Appendix 006, page 045*). Ms. Ghent detailed the situation of the website, of the relationships with ICSSPE with regard to publications and of the edition of IASI Newsletter. The Publications Officer requested the collaboration of IASI members to contribute 1-2 pages texts to the Newsletter so that it might include news from everywhere.

## **A.8. Financial Matters**

### **A.8.1. Financial operations since the meeting in Lausanne**

(018) The President informed about the problems with the VSB bank in The Hague and about the steps undertaken to try to solve the situation.

### **A.8.2. Report from the Auditors on the fiscal year 2001**

(019) The President read the report (*see Appendix 007, page 049*) of the auditors, Mr. Georg Anders and Mr. Hans Fleischer, and informed on the meeting he had with them in Bonn. Mr. Georg Anders replaced Mr. Werner Sonnenschein as auditor following the resignation of the latter.

(020) The Executive Committee agreed on the proposals presented by the auditors concerning the payment of membership fees by credit card (to avoid the high share of bank charges).

(021) The auditors invited IASI Executive Committee to approve the report and to discharge the former Secretary Treasurer from his financial responsibilities for the period 12, March, 2001 to 19, February, 2002. The Executive Committee approved both proposals.

### **A.8.3. Financial Balance on 19 February 2001**

(022) Based on the figures mentioned in the report of the Auditors (fiscal year 2001), the President presented the Financial Balance on 19 February 2002. The balance shows a positive carry over of 34,506.56 US \$, not including a reserve fund of 20,000 \$.

(023) The balance foresees a potential cost of 2,000 US \$ related to payments to SIRC.

(024) The Executive Committee approved the Financial balance on 19 February 2001 as presented (*see Appendix 008, page 051*).

### **A.8.4. 2002 Budget**

(025) The Executive Committee agreed on moving the point related to the 2002 Budget to the last point of the Agenda, C.5, so as to have sufficient information to decide on possible investments by IASI, taking into account the proposals and reports submitted during the meeting.

#### **A.8.5. Other financial matters**

(026) Not having other issues to deal with, the Executive Committee concluded its first session.

## **A.9. Reports from the regions (Vice Presidents)**

### **A.9.1. Developments in Africa**

(027) The Vice President for Africa informed about the situation of sports information in Africa (*see Appendix 009, page 053*). Mr. Fasan reported that since the meeting in Lausanne he had only contacted South Africa, giving a detailed explanation about that country. Among other development tasks, he reported on the completion of the document about Sports Structures in Africa and the possibility of operating a cybercafe in Nigeria on the occasion of the All Africa Games.

### **A.9.2. Developments in Latin America**

(028) Ms. Beatriz Barbera informed about the recent events in Argentina, which have made quite difficult to maintain a regular contact with the other countries in the region (*see Appendix 010, page 057*). The Vice President referred to the activities carried out together with the Latin American Association for Sports Information - Sportcom, in Caracas, Venezuela. That city hosted the 5th Sportcom Meeting and the Panamerican Congress on Physical Education. Ms. Barbera informed on the plans to launch the new Sportcom webpage at the shortest delay and to publish a Latin American Journal of Sports Documentation.

### **A.9.3. Developments in North America**

(029) The Vice President for North America, Ms. Gretchen Ghent, delivered her report (*see Appendix 011, page 059*). Ms. Ghent spoke in detail about the work carried out by NASLIN, the various North American libraries and the contributions to SPORTDiscus. On the other hand, she referred to the update of the webpage Scholarly Sport Site, which now includes a section with photos and audiovisuals and an extensive list of coaches associations in North America.

### **A.9.4. Developments in Asia**

(030) Mr. Ma Tie, Vice President for Asia, delivered the written report (*see Appendix 012, page 063*). In his comments he highlighted the fact that a number of centres from Japan, Malaysia and Cambodia had shown their interest in joining ASIA. Besides, a Sports Electronic Centre has been created within the new China Sports Information Institute. The Vice Presidente also informed about the meeting in Beijing of ICSSPE Executive Committee, with the attendance of IASI President. On the other hand, Mr. Ma Tie pointed out that ASIA's contributions to SPORTDiscus already amount to 5% of the total number of references included in the database.



### **A.9.5 Developments in Europe**

(031) IASI Vice President for Europe, Ms. Ayala Maharik, summarised her European report (*see Appendix 013, page 067*). She mentioned that, together with Mr. Poncet, she had attended the 6th Forum of ENSSEE held in Budapest. One of the points dealt with at the meeting was the interest of Meyer & Meyer Group in creating an organisation similar to the former Clearing House. On the other hand, Ms. Maharik informed on the meeting of IASI-Europe with ENSSEE and EASM in Bitburg (Germany), where the first steps were taken for the creation of a European Sport Information Platform. There was a new meeting in Bitburg, attended by IASI President, where further progress was made on this project.

### **A.9.6. Developments in Oceania**

(032) The written report (*see Appendix 014, page 071*) for Oceania was summarised by Ms. Jill Haynes, Vice President for this region. She informed in detail on the developments in Australia, highlighting the creation of two new databases, one of sport journals and the other of courses on sport and recreation. She also informed on the annual meeting of the Australasian Sport Information Network. Mrs. Haynes reported that during 2001 almost 3000 records have been submitted to SPORTDiscus. She also referred to the changes occurred in New Zealand.

## **A.10. Regional developments in sports information**

### **A.10.1. SportCom**

(033) A SportCom member, Miss Patricia Arjona, made a short presentation to point out that the report provided by IASI Vice President for Latin America included a lengthy explanation of all SportCom activities throughout the year.

### **A.10.2 ASIA**

(034) ASIA Network also considered itself represented by the report of IASI Vice President for the region.

### **A.10.3. OSIC**

(035) Mr. Albert Miller, on behalf of the Oceania Sport Information Centre, provided a report on the activities of OSIC. The report included a short remark from Mr. Simon Chamberlain concerning the situation in New Zealand (*see Appendix 015, page 073*).

### **A.10.4. NASLIN**

(036) Ms. Gretchen referred to the information included in her report as Vice President for North America (*see Appendix 011, page 059*)

#### **A.10.5. LUSOFONIA**

(037) The representative of the Portuguese speaking countries, Mr. Joao Paulo Rocha, from the Centre for Sports Studies and Training, Portugal, reported on the work carried out by the various Portuguese-speaking countries (*see Appendix 016, page 077*). The release of the Portuguese edition of the *Manual for a Sport Information Centre*, published with permission of the IOC, was also announced.

#### **A.10.6 Others**

(038) The European Nordic Countries. Ms. Anitta Pälvimäki reported on the work developed by LIKES and the University of Jyväskylä in Finland and by the Network NORSIB (the cooperative body for Sport Information in the Nordic Countries) (*see Appendix 017, page 079*).

(039) Mr. Andrei Teodorescu, from Romania, and Mr. Ervin Sramel, from Slovenia, also made brief presentations on the situation of sports information in their respective countries.

## Part B Developments since April 2001

### **B.1. Set of Proposals from the Open Forum**

(040) The Open Forum met on March 16th. The event, coordinated by Cindy Slater and David Coleman, dealt with several aspects requiring a clear official stance on the part of IASI. The work of the Open Forum was expressed in six recommendations (*see Appendix 018, page 081*).

### **B.2. News from the ad hoc Working Groups**

#### **B.2.1. ahWg on Statutes and By-Laws**

(041) The President reported (*see Appendix 019, page 083*) at length on the work progress and voting process of the proposals for modification of IASI Statutes and By-Laws. The new Statutes (*see Appendix 020, page 085*) were approved on December 1st 2001 and the By-Laws (*see Appendix 021, page 093*) on February 15th 2002. The Statutes were voted by 18 IASI members and the By-Laws by 16. All proposals submitted for modifications of articles or of parts of those already existing were approved.

#### **B.2.2. ahWg on Congress Evaluation**

(042) Ms. Jill Haynes presented the results of the ahWg that performed the evaluation of IASI World Congress in Lausanne 2001 (*see Appendix 022, page 105*). The evaluation process was based on a questionnaire (*see Appendix 023, page 111*) that was sent to all delegates soon after the Congress. One of the main conclusions of the study was that there should be a more efficient use of the communication and information services offered by the Internet, that IASI should appoint someone who would permanently take care of participants' registration, and that the plenary papers should be presented rather than read. Other recommendations concerned posters location, the need of attending the social events and the convenience of proposing several places at different prices for meals, etc.

#### **B.2.3. ahWg on members survey**

(043) In her report (*see Appendix 024, page 113*), Ms Erika Schwarz proposed to consider a framework for surveying the members' needs. Ms. Schwarz reviewed former initiatives aimed at the same objective and her conclusion was not too optimistic. Her final and most appropriate proposal included a copy of the questionnaire used to this end in 1992-1993.



#### **B.2.4. ahWg on Sport IASI database**

(044) Mr. Jean Michel Johnson presented a report (*see Appendix 025, page 121*) on the contributions to the International Database. Mr. Johnson stressed the importance of comprehensive coverage, of increasing content diversification and of consistency indexing. He also presented a chart with the evolution of the contributions during the period.

#### **B.2.5. ahWg on IASI/SIRC co-operation**

(045) Mr. Johnson also presented a report concerning the relationships between SIRC and IASI (*see Appendix 026, page 125*). He highlighted the incorporation of new members, for example from Portugal, or the receipt of several collections of periodicals from Estonia. A study on the contributions of the various continents shows that, besides the 74% of records contributed by SIRC itself, 5% come from Asia, 6% from North America, 7% from Europe and 8% from Oceania.

#### **B.2.6. ahWg on IASI website**

(046) Then Ms. Gretchen Ghent presented a detailed report on the situation of IASI webpage and the work of the ahWg (*see Appendix 027, page 129*). According to the conclusions of the ahWg, the main objectives of IASI website should be to achieve a rational organizational structure, to be easy to navigate and to load quickly, as well as being consistent in format, font, and colour so as to promote readability.

#### **B.2.7. ahWg for partnerships with commercial and non commercial organizations**

(047) The President mentions that IASI has relations with various commercial Organizations eg.Sport Business, which could help us in our publishing activities (newsletter, brochure...). We have no concrete results for the time being,. Jill Haynes is taking care of the matter with the members of the Marketing AdWg.

#### **B.2.7. ahWg on marketing strategies**

(048) This issue was dealt with in point B.4.6 of the Agenda.

### **B.3. Collaboration with organizations**

#### **B.3.1. Collaboration with the IOC**

(049) Comments were made on the most appropriate framework for collaboration with the IOC. Mr. Bruno Rossi-Mori stated that it would be very important to keep

close contacts with the library of the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. The President stressed that another important issue was to strengthen the links with the Olympic Movement in general and with Olympic Solidarity in particular, as the best way to develop aid and cooperation projects for developing countries.

To illustrate the collaboration between IASI and IOC, the president describes the new database “World Directory of Centres of Expertise” available on the internet ([www.directory-iasi.org](http://www.directory-iasi.org)) (*see Appendix 028, page 137*). The site has been demonstrated during the meeting.

### **B.3.2. Collaboration with ICSSPE**

(050) With regard to the relationships with the International Council for Sports Sciences and Physical Education (ICSSPE), Ms. Gretchen Ghent referred to the section concerning this institution in her report as Publications Officer (*see Appendix 006, page 045*).

### **B.3.3. Collaboration with ENSSEE**

(051) The relationship with ENSSEE (European Network of Sports Sciences, Education and Employment) was repeatedly dealt with during the meetings of the Executive Committee. The meeting of the European group considered it in detail . The main topic of this meeting concerned the presentation of the PESIS project (see next point) created to avoid the lack of sport information resulting from the dismantling of the Clearing House in Brussels.

### **B.3.4. Collaboration with the Pan-European Sports Information Service (PESIS)**

(052) The President had already reported on the PESIS (Pan-European Sports Information Service) project. There was agreement on the importance of taking part in the project and strengthening the relationship with its participants. To this end, the Executive Committee adopted the official stand of encouraging IASI to support this project.

## **B.4. Follow up of the ahWg**

### **B.4.1. Members survey**

(053) Erika Schwarz presented a draft working program 2002-2003 (*see Appendix 030, page 141*). The recommendations expressed concern the definition of the questionnaire to be submitted to the IASI Vice-presidents to define the detailed questions they want under each main item following the different views and needs of their Region.

A budget of 1.500 US \$ is allotted by the ExCo to the Survey.

#### **B.4.2. SPORT IASI database**

(054) Jean Michel Johnson reported this point (*see Appendix 025, page 121*)

#### **B.4.3. IASI/SIRC cooperation**

(055) A discussion was started on the relationship between both institutions. Mr. Jean Michel Johnson provided a series of tables and charts with the contributions of the centres participating in the database. The future of this cooperation and of the SPORTDiscus database itself is most encouraging, though the contributions of international partners should increase and be made on a regular basis.

#### **B.4.4. IASI website**

(056) The future of the webpage was discussed too. It was pointed out that some of the institutions responsible for the translation of the official webpage have not done it yet, thus giving rise to some kind of dysfunction, taking into account that the links are active in the homepage of the original English version. The President encouraged those in charge of translating these webpages into other languages to fulfill their commitments at the shortest delay.

#### **B.4.5. Partnership with commercial and non commercial organizations**

(057) There was agreement about the convenience of not considering this aspect of IASI actions as an ahWg but as part of the President and other IASI members' actions.

#### **B.4.6. Marketing Plan**

(058) Following a lively discussion on the importance of drawing a proper Marketing Plan aimed at promoting IASI and making it better known and more useful to its potential clients, it was agreed to go on working hard on this matter, if necessary allocating a certain amount to contract a professional consultant's service. Nevertheless, all were aware that this could not be the only solution, since it would be impossible to contract a firm for the whole development. Jose Aquesolo offered himself to contact the person in charge of this matter at the Andalusian Institute of Sport.

(059) The President pointed out that besides the general Marketing Plan to be drawn, it was necessary to count at the shortest delay with a brochure explaining what is IASI and who are its target users. Such brochure should have an independent part including all specific information on the regions where IASI is acting.

(060) Being an expert in these matters, Mr. David Coleman presented a series of draft brochures though specifying that after the IASI meetings he would not have

much time to devote to these matters. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary would pursue the work on this issue.



## **C.1. Other activities of the working program**

### **C.1.1. IASI publications**

(061) Following the report of Gretchen Ghent, IASI Publications Officer (**see Appendix 006, page 045**) the President warmly encourages the members to give her information for the IASI Newsletter and any other publication that would appeal to us.

### **C.1.2. Indexing Olympic Review**

(062) The Olympic Review is still being indexed by the AAFLA (Wayne Wilson). He his to keep us informed.

### **C.1.3. IASI Listserv**

(063) Mrs Ayala Maharik reported that IASI Listserv (**see Appendix 029, page 139**) has now 178 members, and 66 messages have been sent in 2002. She recalled all the possibilities offered by this service and warmly encouraged the present people to use it and to make it known.

### **C.1.4. Exchange of primary documents**

(064) There was agreement on the need of going on working on the matter to achieve the greatest efficacy.

### **C.1.5. Support for developing countries**

(065) The matter was discussed at length, mentioning the possible participation of the IOC through Olympic Solidarity and the role of the national olympic committees themselves. It would be good to consult about the possibility of drawing a support and development program regarding training, local and regional courses, etc.

### **C.1.6. Funding for projects**

(066) A document concerning a meeting in Hong Kong in 2003 will be included in Miscellaneous, just for information purposes. No funds were requested at the moment, considering that the appropriate time would be during the 2003 meetings.

### **C.1.7. Sport info training**

(067) Considering the variety in professional skills in Sports Information, training is the major issue today since it facilitates communication and exchanges.

Therefore the President encourages the members to offer their expertise when necessary.

Future developments are expected mainly in developing countries.

### **C.1.8. Cybercafe at ICSSPE Conference**

(068) It was agreed that IASI President would take the necessary steps to see if this possibility is acceptable for ICSSPE's Pre Olympic Congress, Thessaloniki 2004.

### **C.1.9. Partnership**

(069) This issue was dealt with in point B.4.6. "Marketing plan".

To conclude this part, the 2002-2003 working program appears in ***Appendix 031, page 147***

## **C.2. IASI Congress 2005**

(070) Mr. Ma Tie provided a lengthy and detailed presentation of the work carried out for the organization of 2005 IASI World Congress in Beijing, organized by the Beijing University of Physical Education and focused on the theme: Sports Information and Modern Olympics (***see Appendix 032, page 151***). It was agreed that the Congress would be held from 10 to 20 May 2005, instead of the dates initially proposed.

(071) A first meeting of the Program Committee was held the 18th, chaired by Cindy Slater, with the result of a series of proposals concerning the contents of the Congress areas (***see Appendix 033, page 153***).

## **C.3. Future IASI meetings**

(072) The 2003 Executive Committee meetings were also dealt with. Ms. Esperanza Bobes from Cuba offered the city of Havana as the venue for the meetings (***see Appendix 034, page 155***). Ms. Bobes submitted a wide hosting offer and presented a detailed document with the first draft agenda of the meetings as well as a calendar for their preparation (***see Appendix 035, page 159***).

#### **C.4. Miscellaneous**

(073) Mr. Bruno Rossi-Mori made a brief speech to present the work carried out by the Compass project (see [www.uniroma1.it/compass](http://www.uniroma1.it/compass))

(074) Reference was made to the possibility of running a cybercafe in Montreal (Canada) on occasion of the Congress on women and sport, in May 2002.

(075) Besides, time was devoted to discussing the possibility of making IASI webpage more accessible to disabled groups, such as blind people (**see Appendix 026, page 125**).

(076) Mr. Li Tak Nang introduced Mr. Denis Withby, who commented on the possibility of holding a seminar on sports documentation in Hong Kong in 2003, the preparation of which is already going on.

(077) Finally, Mr. Poncet referred to the manual entitled *Sports Informatics. Informational and Organizational Elements of Sport*, which was distributed to the members of the Executive Committee. Its author was Ms. Dusanka Ban, active member of IASI until her death in 2000. Thanks were given to her husband for his efforts and help in the edition of the said work.

#### **C.5. Approval of the budget for 2002-2003**

(078) Following the discussions of the former sessions, the budget for 2002-2003 was approved to ensure the best development of IASI projects and action lines (**see Appendix 036, page 163**).