

Report from the IASI Publications Officer To the IASI Annual Meeting Barcelona, March 14-18, 2002

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The time period, May-November 2001, was a very busy period for the Publications Officer. The long delayed and promised contributions to ICSSPE's periodical, *Perspectives*, was especially urgent for ICSSPE and their publisher wanted to see this issue on Sport Information and Technology published as soon as possible. Another ICSSPE publication, *Directory of Sport Science, 3rd ed.* had a deadline of early fall 2001 as well. For IASI, the IASI website needed attention quickly to update information, add more fulltext documents and information about the work and membership of the organization.

IASI Website

Work began on the format and organization of the website in early May. The fourth draft of the proposed website reorganization was sent to IASI-L readers who were asked to comment. A few IASI members sent in their comments about the proposal and as a result the first sections of the website were ordered differently. A revised document was submitted to SIRC in late September.

Staff at SIRC were able to do the major reorganization and update of the site in December. Information on the work of the adWG IASI Website and other information on the updated iasi.org, can be found in a separate report tabled at the IASI Annual Meeting Barcelona, 2002. See item B.2.6 on the Agenda.

ICSSPE's Periodical, *Perspectives*, Vol. 4, Sport Information and Technology

With the outline and suggestions for this issue discussed at a quickly arranged meeting during the World Congress in Lausanne, essay writers were asked to work on their papers during the summer and submit them by October 1.

These initial recommendations for the content of vol. 4 were submitted to the ICSSPE Publications Manager, Amanda Smyth and head of the ICSSPE Editorial Board, Dr. Jan Borms in mid summer. Suggestions for additional topics and possible authors were sent back to the Publications Officer. During the next month, research was carried out to find possible authors and make contacts. This was particularly difficult phase of the project for many people did not respond to email requests or, in some cases, individuals were too busy to contribute a paper for *Perspectives*. By early September additional authors were found and the list of authors and papers was accepted by ICSSPE.

Most of the papers were submitted close to the October 1 deadline with one paper submitted in late November (as agreed to earlier). In addition, the Resources and

Contacts section had to be quickly researched and written in mid November by your Publications Officer when it was realized that no one had been assigned to do this section. The Resources and Contacts essay has been a feature of issues of *Perspectives* since volume 1. For Vol. 4, major parts included a brief introduction to IASI, listings of other library, archival and information technology organizations, IASI's regional groups, list of reference works including library/information center management and museum, digital library management works. This was followed by an annotated listing of key sport sciences/recreation databases and major subject databases with sport sciences content. The last two parts have a listing of Internet resources, mainly directories to libraries/union catalogues and fulltext resources in sport sciences. The last section is a guide to worldwide library and information science degree programs.

The ICSSPE periodical editors, two members of the ICSSPE Editorial Board, Darlene Kluka and Denise Jones, have overall responsibility for the final edit of all papers.

It is expected that volume 4 on Sport Information and Technology will be published and made available by the end of February or in early March.

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ICSSPE's Editorial Board

In the September an invitation was extended from ICSSPE's President, Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper to IASI's President, Alain Poncet asking that IASI's Publications Officer join

ICSSPE's Editorial Board. This invitation was accepted with pleasure. ICSSPE usually holds two board meetings per year. The November 2001 Board meeting in Budapest could not be attended by the Publications Officer as this time had been booked for a vacation many months previously. The next meeting will be held prior to the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, July 18th or 19th, 2002.

One of the responsibilities of ICSSPE Editorial Board members is to submit articles to *ICSSPE Bulletin* at least three times per year. For Issue no. 33, Sept 2001, I suggested to Amanda Smyth, ICSSPE's Publications Manager in the summer that she use sections of interest to ICSSPE members that were published in the July *IASI Newsletter* as IASI members were preoccupied with the writing and editing responsibilities for *Perspectives* Vol. 4. Readers will note that many of the *IASI Newsletter* items did appear in this issue of the *ICSSPE Bulletin*.

A short article by your Publications Officer, entitled, *Uncovering the Online Library Catalogue* was submitted to Amanda Smyth on Nov. 29, 2001 for a forthcoming issue of the *ICSSPE Bulletin* (most likely issue no. 34, January 2002).

The ICSSPE Editorial Board plans a general theme for each issue of the *Bulletin* and it would be very good if IASI input could emphasize this aspect of sport information. For instance the following themes have been decided:

- No. 35, May 2002 – Paralympic Movement
- No. 36, Sept. 2002 – Sport and the Environment
- No. 37, Jan. 2003 – A topic not assigned as yet.

The deadline for submission of written material is approximately 2 months prior to publication.

Your Publications Officer is looking for volunteers and topics we can contribute for these next issues. If we cannot find a compatible topic to the issue's focus there are a number of topics that come to mind that would be of interest to *ICSSPE Bulletin* readers, e.g.

- An article citing and reviewing good videos for coaches or sport science students
- An article on sources of sports statistics in a country or countries
- An article on the Pan European Sports Information Service (PESIS)
- An article on access to sport sciences periodicals, e.g. a general guide to directories, databases, with hints on how to search by title of journal, etc.

IASI Newsletter

Two issues of the IASI Newsletter were compiled and edited during the year. They are Number 20, July 2001 and Number 21, November 2001. Efforts were made to include news from the membership and find and report new websites, software, publications and other sport information sources that would be of interest to IASI's international community and assist in the work of the sports documentation centers.

For the 2002 to 2003 it is proposed that the IASI Newsletter be published in April, July and November.

Directory of Sport Science, 3rd Edition, Sport Information Section,

As stated in the 2nd edition of this Directory (entitled in this edition as *Vade Mecum: Directory of Sport Science*, Pub. by ICSSPE), this Directory's main goals are to encourage international cooperation in sport science, promote knowledge of its different branches and make scientific knowledge of sport available.

To this end your Publications Officer spent some time researching the topic of Sport Information to strengthen the sections on sport information as a profession and as part of the larger world of library and information science. It is hoped that our section will more fully describe what sport information professionals and their sport documentation centers do, what services are offered by database producers and where to find online and print resources to conduct research in sport sciences.

This submission to the Directory was also distributed to members on IASI-L for their information.

Projects for 2002-2003

- Update the IASI brochure
- Publish three issues of the IASI Newsletter, April, July, November
- Contribute to or edit IASI submissions to the *ICSSPE Bulletin*
- Produce an IASI History booklet that updates IASI's publication, *Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: Better Sport Documentation Through International Cooperation* (IASI, 1994). Nerida Clarke and the immediate past presidents have been suggested to write sections.

Respectfully submitted,

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