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IASI President, Alain Poncet, will report the common European activities for the last 12 months to the Ex-Co. Meanwhile, here are some reports that I received from different countries, describing their local activities.

PORTUGAL

Severe financial difficulties caused a dramatic decrease of the investment. That circumstance produced, in fact, an opportunity. Organisations had to look inside and dig for new ways to use their patrimony. So, new ideas and procedures emerged and old ideas were revived.

In this framework, we established some guidelines for the next 2-3 years that, hopefully, will lead us some levels up.

- Finding and maximizing partnerships with private organisations in order to:
 - Reduce the amount of public investment;
 - Enhance the communicational vector of sports information and sports information related products and services;
 - Increase the interest and investment of private companies in sports information products and services.
- To devise and implement models of relationships between organisations and the community through sports information;
- To devise and implement models for the management of sports information;
- To develop a Portuguese Speaking Countries Sports information Network.
- To increase availability of sports information in Portuguese worldwide.
- To promote the establishment of standards for sports terminology in portuguese.

The expression of the above-mentioned guidelines is the following:

- Two partnerships for the distribution of documents in the commercial circuits were established. One for books, CD's, Videotapes, etc. and another for periodicals. CEFD published, in 2002, about 40 books, 2 CD'S and three periodicals;
- Several contacts with Media organisations were made and there are good chances that, in 2003, a weekly program at a national radio station will be created for the promotion of sports information products and services

- A partnership is being negotiated with the major private sports information company in Portugal for the development of Internet spaces such as an image bank, an e-library, a resource centre for sports and physical education professionals, etc.;
- A model for a multimedia space directed to schools, city halls and universities is being devised and will probably be presented at the International Conference on Sports Information, to be held prior to the IASI ExCo meeting in Lisbon – 2004;

A study was devised, and will be conducted during the year of 2003, on the way organisations, namely public libraries manage sports related information. The results of this study, along with the proposal of a model/package will be presented at the International Conference on Sports Information, to be held prior to the IASI ExCo meeting in Lisbon – 2004;

From January 2002, CEFD is an indexing partner for SportDiscus, and contributed with about 30 records during the year;

A project for sports terminology is being conducted since 2000. At the moment about 2.000 words and expressions were analysed and a bulletin is issued every three months. An Internet space is also maintained at <http://www.cefd.pt/>. This project involves about 30 umbrella organisations pertaining the Portuguese sports system and is scientifically validated through the Portuguese Language Society (SLP). We are finishing the details of the inclusion of the Portuguese Terminology Association (TERMIP) as scientific partners. This increase the ability for the project to handle a much bigger volume of words and expressions and will lead, hopefully in a short-medium term to the publication of the first ever “Dictionary of Sport” in Portuguese.

João Paulo Rocha
Sports Information Officer
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POLAND

Lastly the rector of our academy professor Andrzej Wit signed the letter of intent in which expressed wish to participate in the project European-Knowledge of Sport.

Andrzej Sokalski
The Jozef Pilsudski
Academy of Physical Education
in Warsaw

GERMANY

The sport sciences databases of the Federal Institute of Sport Science (BISp) SPOLIT (literature), SPOFOR (research projects), SPOMEDIA (audio-visual media) are now freely available in the internet <http://www/bisp-databaken.de/>

BISp offers another database in cooperation with the section top level sport of the German Sport Confederation (DSB) which comprises names, qualifications and addresses of experts specialised on psychological problems in top level sport. This new database is already heavily used by top

athletes.

BISp is working on a concept for a sport science information forum (SPORTIF) in cooperation with the German Association for Sport Science, which would be a platform in the internet.

More information is to be found on the BISp website <http://www.bisp.de/>

These activities are part of the initiative of the Federal Government under the headline "eGovernment BundOnline2005". The target of the Federal Government is to have all services of the administration at federal level which are suitable to the internet online in the year 2005.

Citizens, companies, science and other administrations shall use the services of the federal administration in a simpler, faster and more efficient way. The initiative is part of the programme "Modernization of the public administration".

E-learning is an important issue in Germany. There are several research projects and many activities to implement e-learning e.g. at universities. 21/22 November 2002 there has been a workshop on this topic at the university of Saarbrücken ("e-learning in sport science and sport): <http://www.ebut.de>

Dr. Georg Anders

ROMANIA

I'm involved in the candidature of the city of Bucuresti for organization of the "2009 Francophone Games" ("Jeux de la Francophonie 2009"). As you know, each 4 years an edition of the Francophone Games are organized. In the year 2001 the city host was Ottawa-Hull, Canada, in the year 2005 the host city will be Niamey, Niger and now, for the 2009 edition of the Games, the cities candidate are Sofia (Bulgaria), Beirut (Lebanon) and the city of Bucharest (Romania). The city of Lausanne (Switzerland) retired from this competition. We have work a lot in the last year for this project and I must sustain it now in the front of the ministers and delegations from 55 worldwide countries members of "La Francophonie".

As this yearly Meeting of IASI (Havana, 2003) it is an important one, as I understand from the documents you've mail me, I decide to transfer my "proxy vote" to you (the IASI President) and to IASI vice-president for Europe, Ayala Maharik. Please, be so kind, and inform the Ex. Co. members about my decision.

Andrei Teodorescu

ITALY

I understand that it will not be possible for me to take part in the 2003 EXCO meeting. I hope that in the next future the new CONI Services Public Company will continue all the functions in a better shape.

Nevertheless, there are a certain number of items that cannot be forgotten and I would like to send you some notes about them.

COMPASS

As far as I understand the project will be continued. It will be included as an important issue of a European Conference which will be held late in 2003. My written application for the recognition of COMPASS as an ad-hoc working group of IASI under my own responsibility is still valid. I believe

that the group will count about ten "personal" members, all of them working for institutions. Those institutions, such as national institutes for statistics, are nowadays very far from IASI but nevertheless have people dealing with sports. The COMPASS project is well-known within IASI people, but I enclose the presentation which has been distributed recently in the Council of Europe CDDS meeting at the end of February.

IASI WEBSITE

The Italian members cheer Gretchen Ghent and the Ahwg for the good work they have done. For what the Italian page is concerned Claudia Galletti (Italian personal member) promised to do the updates and the follow-up.

IASI 2005 WORLD CONGRESS

I had no news from Yasuo Yamaguchi about the 2005 session on statistics, but I suppose that a report will be introduced in Cuba, and I will interact with him and with Cindy and Huanfu on that basis. I have many contacts in Europe about this topic and I believe that the contributions to the 2005 Congress will have a good quality level.

Bruno Rossi Mori and colleagues
CONI

NORWAY

It has been a busy year at our library at The Norwegian University of Sport and Physical Education. Of international interest may be that the University - and the Library – launched a new website May 23rd 2002. The English version, however, will be much improved in 2003.

Our university is now implementing a new reform for higher education in Norway, the Quality Reform. That reform will affect our library to a great extent, so we are now planning our library as a Learning Resource Centre.

Hege Underthun

LATVIA

I send a description of developments and news in Latvia:

- 1) The Conception on Sports Information developed and accepted by all major sports information centres in Latvia.
- 2) The translation to Latvian of Manual for a Sports Information Centres is finished - the publication will follow.
- 3) The Sports Law has been adopted by the Saeima (Parliament) and is in force since November 2002.

<http://www.sp.gov.lv/>

Agra Brūne

IOC

A new version of the IOC/Olympic Museum's Library is available online. Part of the union catalogue of the Library Network of Western Switzerland, it can be accessed at the following

Internet address: <http://virtuavd.unil.ch/cgi-bin/chameleon> (click on English under 'Choisir la langue' =Choose the language)

In addition to the usual search options (author, title, keyword, subject), information concerning local collection management is now offered, such as item location, loan status (available, checked out, non-circulating), number of copies, classification and call number.

Joined to this email you will find the help searching document at both basic and advanced levels.

For the moment, the thesaurus facility is not accessible from the online public access catalogue. However, the new version offers the possibility of conducting a subject search by 2nd call number/classification, using the attached UDC references.

If you wish to obtain an Interlibrary Loan, please send your request, including at least the title and call number, to: library@olympic.org

Those attending the IASI Meeting in Cuba will be able to obtain further information directly from Evelyne Moosmann, who will represent me at the meeting.

For those who are staying behind, I remain available at the usual address should you require further details.

Yoo-Mi Steffen