

Report on the Work of Sports Information in Asia 2001-2002

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1. Asian Sports Information Association

During the 2001 Lausanne Congress and General Assembly, people from Malaysia, Singapore, DPR Korea, Cambodia, Japan, Saudi Arabia, China and Chinese Hong Kong met together and set up the Preparatory Committee of the Asian Sports Information Association. After that, some other organizations from Asian countries and regions have given their response of being interested in joining ASIA. They are:

Japan – Kobe University, Prof. Yasuo Yamaguchi,

Japan Institute of Sports Science, Mr. Chikara Miyaji

Malaysia - National Sports Council, Ms. Hajah Supiah Hj. Ishak

Cambodia - Ministry of Education Youth and Sport, Mr. Meas Sarin

.....and so on.

Being the Chairman of the ASIA preparatory Committee, I would like to suggest that the Asian organizations which are interested in setting up ASIA should hold a special meeting to discuss the specific steps of founding ASIA some time this year or the next year before IASI meeting. The location of ASIA meeting is open now.

2. China Sports Information Center Was Set up

Since last May, Great changes have taken place in China's sports information field.

In order to meet the developing trend of informatization globally, the former China Sports information Institute merged with the China Sports Electronic Center into China Sports Information Center (CSIC), and I am one of the members in the leading body of the new Center.

The former China Sports Electronic Information Center was set up in 1987, just before China was preparing for the 1990 Beijing Asian Games. Formed by experienced IT and engineering experts, its main role is to run the Office Automation system and network infrastructure of the State Sport General Administration, and carry out the electronic engineering support to large scale sports games.

The major tasks of the new CSIC are to collect sport information broadly and widely; establish and manage databases, computer network, office automation for the State Sport Administration and its affiliated institutions; coordinate sports information development in China; develop and apply information techniques in sports science and management; and undertake electronic engineering projects in controlling major sport games.

The new CSIC consists of 7 professional departments: library and Document Retrieval Department, Sports Information Research Department, Information Technology Department, Audio-visual Department, Websites Management Department, Sports Games Engineering Department, and Marketing Department

All the original information work of the CSII will keep going on in the new CSIC.

3. Japan has set up the National Sports Information Center

Last August, the newly established Japan National Sports Science Center was open and two of my colleagues were invited at the opening ceremony. The Japan National Sports Science Center is composed of three parts which are sports science, sports medicine and sports information. The sports information center is in charge of information collection, management, processing, and provision by network. Different kinds of sports databases have been established on top athletes of various sports, sports medicine, sports science, sports activities and so on. The Center is connected via Internet to many

universities and research centers in Japan.

4. Mutual Exchange and Visiting

Taking the opportunity of attending the ICSSPE Executive meeting held in Beijing, Mr. Alain Poncet, President of IASI, paid a visit to the China Sports Information Center last summer and had broad view exchange with me and Mr. Wang Huanfu. Alain was warmly received and he also investigated and had a general view of the Beijing University of Physical Education, the coming site for the 2005 IASI Congress. If such opportunity happens to any other people here in the future, I promise that he or she will be warmly received as well.

Visitors to the China Sports Information Center were also guests and scholars from DPR Korea and Chinese Taipei.

5. Indexing contributions to SIRC

Some Asian countries and regions continue to contribute indexing for the SPORTDiscus of SIRC as external indexing partners. Now Asia has contribute 5 percent of the new records to the SPORTDiscus during the 2001-2002 period, according to the statistics of SIRC by region. Of all the contributions more than 2,000 were from the CSIC and are taken from 12 most valuable sports scientific journals published in China.

6. Preparation for the 2005 IASI Congress

The hosting of 2005 IASI Congress is a great honor for the Chinese sports circle. And our sports authority regards this coming Congress as an important practice for the 2008 Olympic Scientific Congress in Beijing. Now, I would like to introduce Ms. Liu Caixia, Head Librarian of Beijing University of Physical Education (BUPE) to you. Ms. Liu has been assigned as one of the local staff to take care of the concrete matters of the Congress preparations.

The proposal for 2005 IASI Congress is worked out, you are kindly requested to review it and let us know your comments. Here I want to say a few words if I may.

(1) About the theme "Sports Information and Modern Olympics".

2008 Beijing Olympic Games is the hottest topic all over China now. The reasons we chose this theme are that: 1. This is the first IASI Congress that is hosted in a hosting city of Olympic Games; 2. By taking this theme we hope to keep closer relationship between IASI and the international Olympic movement and the IOC. Of course this does not mean that we will exclude the other fields of sport as this is the trend that Olympics is more and more merged with other sport fields such as sport for all and sport economics.

(2) About the 5-6 topics.

The sub topics are left open to be discussed and decided by the Executive Committee or the scientific committee.

(3) Organizational structure of the Congress

Besides the Chinese State Sport General Administration, we propose the Congress be under the patrons of IOC and ICSSPE. In this case, an invitation should be issued to them in the name of IASI. The Organizing Committee and a Standing Secretariat will be set up by the local people, while the Scientific Committee will be set up by IASI experts. The chairman of the Scientific Committee is preferred to be undertaken by an experienced IASI Executive member just as we did in the 2001 Congress.

(4) Time table:

I sincerely ask you to comment on the following time table:

- The first notice of the Congress will be made 2 years earlier of the Congress;
- The second notice of the Congress will be made 1 year earlier;
- The abstracts should be submitted to the Science Committee 9 months earlier;
- The acceptance of papers will be announced 6 months earlier with decision of acceptance of submitted papers being made by IASI experts.;
- The full texts of the papers should be submitted to the Organizing Committee 3 months earlier.