

From the President



The news that the wife of the IOC President, Mrs Teresa Samaranch Salisachs, passed away came as a great shock to the world of international sport. Words are hardly sufficient to express our sincere sympathy to the family. We hope that the IOC President was able to find some consolation in returning to Sydney and in attending the 27th Olympiad. I am in total agreement with President Samaranch's statement that Sydney was the best Games ever, which he made at the close of the Sydney Olympic Games. The over 11 thousand athletes were given a great opportunity to compete, to meet again or to make new friends among the many, many pre-

sent in Down Under. The approx. 50 thousand volunteers paid an immense contribution.

I take the opportunity to congratulate the newly elected members of the IOC, among which six Presidents of International Sports Federations. Dr Thomas Bach was elected as Vice President of the IOC Executive Board.

Later than originally hoped for, I am now in the position to let you know that the German city of Duisburg, together with the nearby cities of Oberhausen, Mülheim and Bottrop, is the final candidate to host the World Games 2005. Duisburg has excellent sports facilities and has

proven to be able to organise a multi sports event: Universiade in 1989. Further details will come during our annual meeting in Monaco later this month.

In the meantime is the Akita Organising Committee in full speed on its way to August 2001. We look forward to meeting our good friends from Japan in Monaco for further discussions about details of the organisation of next year's World Games. I am sure that they will make a great report to our AGM. Their presence will also give the 22 IWGA Member Federations involved in the event, an opportunity to finalise the outstanding issues for their respective competitions.

Apart from the good news about a host city for the next World Games, I am also very pleased to announce another increase of the number of affiliated Federations. The International Hockey Federation has applied for membership for its discipline of Indoor Hockey. Had we only 12 Federations with the founding of the IWGA, now 20 years later that number will raise to 31 while during the years some Federations (Badminton, Baseball, Softball, Taekwondo and Triathlon) left due their inclusion in the programme of the Olympic Games.

I am sure that our Founding President Dr Kim will again be pleased, when he will address our annual meeting with all our Member Federations being represented. The agenda shows interesting items as for instance presentations by the Secretary General of the WADA and by the IOC Sports Director.

I look forward to meeting you in Monte-Carlo by the end of October.

Ron Froehlich, President

FROM THE IWGA

Duisburg to host World Games 2005

The city of Duisburg is the final candidate for hosting the World Games 2005. The bid includes the three nearby cities of Oberhausen, Mülheim, and Bottrop, all located in the western part of Germany in the so-called Ruhrgebiet which is part of the region North Rhine Westphalia. The Annual General Meeting of the IWGA is to formally confirm the selection of this bid by the Executive Committee.

Duisburg hosted the 1989 Universiade - the World Student Games - with only 153 days notice. It was a superb demonstration of organising a complex sporting and cultural event for over 2.000 participants; an equal number of officials, delegates; media representatives from 92 nations; and approximately 450.000 spectators. Additionally, Duisburg hosted the annual meeting of GAISF in 1987.



The central venue for the 2005 Games will be the Sportpark Wedau. Next to the Wedau Stadium are the regatta course, the swimming stadium, the indoor ice-rink, and the Wedau Sport Academy (the largest

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FROM AKITA

More than 1300 medals for the World Games 2001

The Akita Organising Committee will produce more than 1300 medals for the various competitions on the programme of the World Games 2001. The front side of the medals will have the symbol of the nationally well-known summer festival of Akita, Kanto. Hundreds of thousands of visitors every year attend these four nights of festivities. The other side of the medals shows the Shirakami mountains. Located in the north-eastern part of the Akita Prefecture, the Shirakami mountains have been designated by the United Nations as a World Heritage site.



Opening Ceremony

Tickets went on sale exactly a year before 16 August Opening Ceremony of the World Games 2001. The seven companies involved have a total of 16.500 outlets within Japan. Prices range from 7.000 Yen to 3.000 for under 15 years of age.

The director of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 1998

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school of its kind in Europe). Numerous outdoor sports complexes and indoor arenas able to stage many different events are in close proximity to these facilities. Thanks to a well-developed transport infrastructure, Duisburg and the three partnering cities can be reached quickly via an extended motorway network as well as frequent bus and train connections.

The German and the North Rhine Westphalia governments, the German Sports Association, and additional sponsors are financially backing the official bid.

Meetings in October

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the IWGA is scheduled for Thursday 26th October in Monte-Carlo (MON). As usual, the meeting is held in conjunction with the annual meetings of GAISF.

Apart from the general items, the Agenda for this year's AGM contains the nomination of an IWGA Representative to the GAISF Council and the election of the Nomination Committee. Together with the IWGA President, two Delegates are to prepare the elections for Members of the IWGA Executive Committee at the AGM in 2001. The Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH) applied for IWGA Membership for its discipline of Indoor Hockey.

Prior to and after the AGM, the IWGA Executive Committee will meet. Additionally, a meeting will take place of the Co-ordination Committee for the World Games 2001.



IF Passports for World Games 2001

IWGA Secretary General Co Koren recently circulated the so-called IF Passports to the 22 Sports Federations involved in World Games 2001.

Each form records details for each Federation regarding the events, and includes the number of medals, the venue, the dates of arrival/departure, the dates of the competition, the number of athletes and officials, etc. By signing the Passports the Federations committed themselves to send the best athletes.

Qualifying events for participation in the World Games 2001

The list with other qualifying events reads as follows.

02-09/10	Palma de Mallorca (ESP)	World Championships Fin Swimming
04-08/10	Faro (POR)	World Championships Men Pétanque
05-08/10	Saint Etienne (FRA)	World Championships Billiards Carom
06-15/10	Ise City (JPN)	World Championships Parachuting Accuracy Land.
12-15/10	Munich (GER)	World Championships Karate
13-16/10	Warsaw (POL)	World Championships Women BodyBuilding
30/10- 02/11	Tunis (TUN)	World Championships Men U23 Boule Lyonnaise
07-13/11	Wroclaw (POL)	World Championships Sports Acrobatics
14-19/11	Akita City (JPN)	World Championships Men Powerlifting
15-20/11	Malacca (MAS)	World Championships Men BodyBuilding
25-26/11	Copenhagen (DEN)	World Championships Ju-jitsu

Nation-wide representation

The 22 International Sports Federations involved in the competition program of the World Games 2001 each have their own specific procedure to select competitors. With some the results at World Championships are of high importance, while with others World Ranking lists play a key role.

Due to the results of recent World Championships or other events the following nations are in principle eligible to be represented in the following sports (*italic = in addition to previous publications*)

Argentina	Fist	Czech Republic	<i>Castling</i> , Orienteering, Trampoline W	New Zealand	<i>Flying Disc Golf</i> , Lifesaving, <i>Speed Roller Skating M</i> , Trampoline
Argentina	Fistball, Powerlifting, Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating W</i> , Sports Aerobics	Denmark	Orienteering, Parachuting, Trampoline M, Tumbling M	North Korea	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Australia	<i>Castling</i> , <i>Korfball</i> , <i>Lifesaving</i> , Orienteering, Parachuting, Powerlifting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Aerobics, Trampoline, Tumbling W	England	Tug of War	Northern Ireland	Tug of War
Austria	<i>Field Archery</i> , Fistball, Powerlifting	Estonia	Orienteering	Norway	<i>Castling</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , Orienteering, Parachuting, Powerlifting
Belarus	Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling W	Finland	<i>Castling</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , <i>Flying Disc Ultimate</i> , Orienteering, Powerlifting W, Rhythmic Gymnastics	Poland	<i>Castling</i> , Powerlifting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline W, Tumbling M
Belgium	Billiards Carom, <i>Field Archery W</i> , Korfball, Lifesaving, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Trampoline	France	<i>Boule Lyonnaise W</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , Orienteering, Parachuting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, Sports Aerobics, Trampoline M, Tumbling Rhythmic Gymnastics, Tumbling M	Portugal	Korfball, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, Trampoline, Tumbling
Brazil	Fistball, Powerlifting, Roller Hockey, Sports Aerobics, Trampoline, Tumbling W	Georgia	<i>BeachHandball W (D)</i> , Billiards Carom, <i>Castling</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , Fistball, <i>Flying Disc Ultimate</i> , Lifesaving, Orienteering, Powerlifting W, Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Speed Roller Skating M</i> , Sports Aerobics W, Trampoline, <i>Field Archery</i> , <i>Flying Disc Golf</i> , Korfball, Orienteering, Parachuting, Trampoline, Tumbling	Romania	Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Aerobics
Bulgaria	Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Aerobics, Trampoline	Germany	Parachuting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Aerobics M	Russia	Parachuting, Powerlifting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Aerobics, Trampoline, Tumbling
Canada	<i>Castling</i> , <i>Flying Disc Golf</i> , <i>Flying Disc Ultimate</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling W	Greece	Powerlifting	Scotland	Tug of War
Chile	<i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Sports Aerobics	Hungary	Tug of War	Slovakia	Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline W
China	<i>Boule Lyonnaise W</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics	Iceland	Parachuting, Rhythmic Gymnastics	Slovenia	<i>Boule Lyonnaise W</i> , <i>Field Archery</i>
Chinese Taipei	<i>Korfball</i> , Powerlifting, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i>	India	Parachuting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Boule Lyonnaise W</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , Lifesaving, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Sports Aerobics W	South Africa	<i>Castling</i> , Lifesaving, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline W, Tumbling Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Aerobics
Colombia	<i>Speed Roller Skating</i>	Ireland	<i>Boule Lyonnaise W</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , Lifesaving, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Sports Aerobics W	South Korea	<i>BeachHandball M (D)</i> , Billiards Carom, Lifesaving, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Sports Aerobics, Tug of War
		Israel	<i>Boule Lyonnaise W</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , Lifesaving, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Sports Aerobics W	Spain	<i>BeachHandball M (D)</i> , Billiards Carom, Lifesaving, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Sports Aerobics, Tug of War
		Italy	<i>Boule Lyonnaise W</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , Lifesaving, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Sports Aerobics W	Sweden	<i>Castling</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , <i>Flying Disc Golf</i> , <i>Flying Disc Ultimate</i> , Orienteering, Trampoline M, Tug of War
		Japan	<i>Boule Lyonnaise W</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , Lifesaving, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Sports Aerobics W	Switzerland	<i>Field Archery</i> , Fistball, Orienteering, Parachuting, <i>Speed Roller Skating M</i> , Tug of War
		Kazakhstan	Billiards Carom, <i>Field Archery</i> , Korfball, Lifesaving, Powerlifting, Tug of War	Turkey	Billiards Carom
		Lithuania	Tumbling	Ukraine	Powerlifting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling
		Moldova	Orienteering	United States	<i>Castling</i> , <i>Field Archery</i> , <i>Flying Disc Golf</i> , <i>Flying Disc Ultimate</i> , Parachuting, Powerlifting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Trampoline, Tumbling
		Netherlands	Trampoline M	Venezuela	Powerlifting, <i>Speed Roller Skating M</i>

FROM ORGANISATIONS

IOC

During its 111th session, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) elected a new Vice President and new Members to its Executive Board. Thomas Bach from Germany became Vice President; and Mrs Gunilla Lindberg from Sweden and Franco Carraro from Italy became Board Members. Following the decision taken last December for reforms, also elected to the Executive Board were Dennis Oswald on behalf of the Summer Federations and Mario Vazquez Raña on behalf of the NOC's. Besides, 14 new Members and five Honorary Members were voted into the IOC. The IOC invited the leaders of the global sports community to join some of the most influential individuals from the fast-developing Internet, New Media and Information Technology sectors for a conference designed to help sports bodies understand and develop strategies to take advantage of new media opportunities. The World Conference on Sport and New Media will be held in Lausanne (SUI), 4th and 5th December.



World Conference's brochure

Archery

For the first time in the history of the Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc (FITA), the final of the Team events took place in the evening hours and in the center of the host city Cortina d'Ampezzo in Italy. It was an exciting experience for the athletes, who have trained for shooting with the special lightening conditions, and for the spectators. First place at this event for Women went to Italy, followed by Sweden, and France. The Swedish Men finished first, with Netherlands second and France third. Most of the medals for the Individual Women's competitions went to Germany and Italy. Sweden's Men won four gold medals divided over the three disciplines. As result of the final ranking, 17 FITA Member Federations, including Japan, will be invited to participate in the Field Archery competition in the World Games 2001.



Billiard

The 53rd World Championships Three Cushion Carom, to be held 5-8 October in St Etienne (FRA), is one of the qualifying events for the Billiard competitions on the programme of the World Games 2001, organised by the World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS). The 32 players from five continents with Europe taking the lead with 10 countries present. The winner of the event will automatically qualify for Akita. Other players will as far as known come from host nation Japan, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Turkey and Spain. Five competitors will come from the American continent, three from Asia and one from Africa. The other World Games Billiard competitions will be Men's and Women's 9-Ball Pool and Men's Snooker.



FROM FEDERATIONS

Aikido

The 8th congress of the International Aikido Federation (IAF) took place in Tokyo, 12- 17 September. Delegates from 32 Member Federations and five continents re-elected Peter Goldsbury as Chairman and Hiroshi Somemiya as Secretary General. The main work of the Congress was the production of new Statutes. Between 250 and 500 Aikido practitioners from all over the world took part in daily training courses coinciding with the meetings.



Air Sports

During their congress in Swedish Linköping on 29th September, the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) elected Wolfgang Weinreich of Germany as its new President to succeed Elif Ness from Norway who had served the maximum term of six years. Congress also accepted a new, streamlined organisational structure with seven-person Executive Board consisting of the President and six Executive Directors in place of the 60-member Council. In addition to their existing agreements with TransWorldInternational, the FAI signed a major TV deal with Discovery Communications International.



Wolfgang Weinreich

BodyBuilding

The website of the International BodyBuilding Federation (IFBB), to be found under //ifbb.com, contains an additional page focused on the World Games 2001 in general; and on the inclusion of BodyBuilding in the programme in particular. Details can be found about the dates and venue of the competition and the various weight classes. Also, information on World Games medallists are to be found on the site. The IFBB is one of the Federations who took the initiative for founding the World Games and has participated in the World Games since the first event in 1981 in Santa Clara (USA).



Boules Sports

The Women's World Championships Boule Lyonnaise, organised by the Confédération Mondiale des Sports de Boules (CMSB) in Pamiers, France last August, saw France finishing atop of the overall medal table. The French and Croatian team each finished first in two disciplines while Italy won one. Among the participants were competitors from Australia, Chile, China and Japan. As result of the final ranking, France, Italy, China and Slovenia were qualified to participate in the Boule Lyonnaise event during the World Games 2001.



The 7th World Championships Pétanque Women took place in Hyères (FRA) in early September. Belgium won the event, followed by Denmark and Spain in second and third, respectively. The title for the Nations Cup went to Morocco in defeating France 13-12. In the semi finals, Monaco and Switzerland both lost 1-13.

Canoe

The congress of the International Canoe Federation (ICF), 24-25 November in Warsaw (POL), will elect a new First Vice President as Jorge Perurena from Spain, who holds that position at present, has been appointed as the ICF's new Secretary General as of 1 January. The ICF Headquarters will move from Hungary to Spain. The details are Antracita 7-4e, 28045 Madrid, telephone +34 91 5061150, fax +34 91 5061155 and e-mail canoedt@ctv.es.



For the first time in the history of Canoe Polo World Championships, Australia did not finish first. At the fourth edition of the biennial event, held in Sao Paolo (BRA), the winner was Great Britain over the Netherlands, while Germany took the bronze. Australia finished fifth in both the Men's and Women's division while Germany became Women World Champions winning over Germany. Third place went to France. The 2002 Canoe Polo World Championships will be held in Essen (GER)



Jorge Perurena

Casting

The 30th World Championships of the International Casting Federation (ICF) held in early September in Kalmar (SWE) had 117 participants coming from 24 countries. Ninety-five men competed in 13 disciplines with 22 women in 10. Germany's Men won 42 medals while the Women won 40. Norway had 11 medals in the Men's division and the Czech Republic's Men took eight. Czech Women won 11 medals and Poland five. The following ICF Member Federations qualified to participate in the Casting event during the World Games 2001: Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States.



Fistball

According to the International Fistball Association (IFV), the popularity of Fistball is growing rapidly in 10 European countries (Belarus, England, Greece, Hungary, Malta, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) with the founding of Fistball organisations in each country. The same happened in Chinese Taipei and in Mexico. The IFV already consists of 13 full Member Federations, in Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, USA, and Uruguay.



Flying Disc

Apart from Japan as host nation, the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) invited seven other Member Federations to participate in



the two Flying Disc events on the World Games 2001 programme. The nations are Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, Sweden and the United States for Disc Golf and Canada, Finland, Germany, Sweden and the United States for Ultimate. The selection was based on the final ranking of the World Disc Golf Championships held in Ann Arbor, Michigan (USA) and the World Ultimate Championships in Heilbron (GER). The WFDF congress held in Heilbron, accepted the Hawaii's bid for the World Ultimate Club Championships.

Gymnastics

The President of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG), Bruno Grandi from Italy, has been elected as Member of the IOC during the recent session in Sydney.



As there are no other candidates, he will be re-elected as FIG President during the 73rd FIG Congress, to be held in Marrakech in Morocco, November 13-15. IWGA President Ron Froehlich is one of the three candidates for the position of two Auditors.

Early November the 17th Sports Acrobatics World Championships will be held in Wroclaw, Poland. Athletes from 19 countries will compete in five events: Women's Pair, Men's Pair, Mixed Pair, Women's and Men's Group. The World Championships are a qualifying event for the World Games 2001.



Bruno Grandi taking the oath as IOC Member

Ju-Jitsu

The Danish Crown Prince Frederik is Patron of the World Championships of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF), to be held in Copenhagen 24-26 November. Approx. 200 competitors from most likely 25 nations will participate in the event. The World Championships and the Continental Union Championships are qualifiers for the Ju-Jitsu competition on the World Games.



Karate

The World Karate Federation (WKF) will hold its biennial Congress on 11 October in München, site of the 15th World Championships. Five new Members representing the continental unions will be elected to the WKF Directors Board. The congress will also be asked to accept Amendments to the Rules regarding the points for scoring and an increased number of referees. Due to the new changes the sport of Karate will become for spectators for spectators and safer for athletes.



Orienteering

The 20th Congress and General Assembly of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) re-elected Mrs Sue Harvey from Great Britain as President. The meetings, held in Leibnitz (AUT) 31 July-5 August, accepted the strategy paper 'IOF Elite Events - a concept for introduction', decided to introduce a sprint race in the World Orienteering Championships, and agreed on the criteria for introduction of a World Championship in Trail Orienteering. The 2005 World Orienteering Championships will be held in Japan and the World Mountainbike Orienteering Championships will take place in Australia in 2004. The next IOF Congress will be held in France in 2002.



Racquetball

Keith Calkins from the United States is the new President of the International Racquetball Federation (IRF). His predecessor, Han van der Heijden was appointed Honorary President. Two new Vice President positions were created with the purpose of advancing Women's development in the sport. Ms Rosy Torres of Mexico and Ms Angela Grisar of Chile will serve in this capacity. Additionally, Paris will host the 2002 World Championships while South Korea will welcome the 2004 event.



Keith Calkins, new IRF President

Roller Sports

The World Championships Speedskating, organised under the auspices of the Fédération Internationale de Roller Sports (FIRS) in Columbia, was a sporting victory for the home country. Colombia won 52 medals! USA went home with a total of 30 and Chile had 18. Italy finished on fourth place of the general classification with a total of 27, but only one gold medal less compared to Chile. As a result of the outcome of the 2000 World Championships, 13 countries, including Japan, will be invited to participate in the Speedskating event of the World Games 2001.

At the World Championships Artistic Roller Skating held in Springfield (USA) in September, Italy finished first and second in Pairs and Women Combined and also won a silver medal with the Dance and the Men Combined and bronze with the Men Combined. Germany won gold with the Men Combined and bronze with Women Combined. Argentina finished third with the Pairs event.



Rugby

The International Rugby Board (IRB) announced the venues for the second World Seven Series. The programme will start in November and finish in April 2001 and will hold tournaments in Durban (RSA), Dubai (UAE), Punta del Este (URU), Wellington (NZL), Brisbane (AUS), Hong Kong (HKG) and Tokyo (JPN). Three remaining tournaments will be confirmed shortly. The fourth Women's Rugby World Cup will be held in Barcelona, Spain in May 2002.



Squash

The current Management Committee of the World Squash Federation (WSF) is nominated unopposed for elections to be held at the WSF Annual General Meeting early November in Hong Kong. This means that President Susie Simcock and Vice Presidents Joyce Buckley, Jahangir Khan and Mike Corby will serve for a further period of two years.

The WSF contracted with Fablon Ltd. to acquire the rights for the Women's World Open Squash Championships and the Women's World Team Squash Championship for the next eight years. The agreement,



which is worth US \$4 million, commences with the Women's World Open 2000 being held in Edinburgh from 11-17 November with a prize fund of US\$ 80,000. The Women's World Team Championships will follow on 19th-25th November in Sheffield (GBR).

Tug of War

Switzerland won five gold medals at the World Outdoor Championships of the Tug of War International Federation (TWIF), held September 14-17 in Blackpool (GBR) with 22 nations participating. They finished first in the Women's 52kg category and with the Men's 560kg, 640kg, 680kg and 720kg. The other gold medal left was for the Women's 560kg team from Sweden, while the Women 520kg earned silver. England finished second twice and third three times. The Netherlands also won two silver medals, but only one bronze. Spain went home with one silver medal and Ireland and Wales each won one bronze.



Underwater Sports

The biennial World Championships Finswimming, one of the various disciplines of the Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (CMAS), will be held in Palma de Mallorca in early October. The participating swimmers represent 44 countries from the five continents. The total number of competitors is expected to be 343: 185 men and 158 women. The World Championships are regarded as a qualifying event for the World Games 2001.



Water Ski

The Executive Board of the International Water Ski Federation (IWSF) met in Greece early September. President Andrés Botero informed the meeting to be most confident that the Athens Organising Committee would continue to request the IOC to consider the inclusion of Waterskiing in the 2004 Olympic Games.

Nearly 20 countries and more than 120 competitors participated in the Wakeboard World Championships held on the Lake du Ponant, near Montpellier in France.

In the Women's Open category, the first place went to 12-year old Mero Narita from Japan. Denmark won silver while the bronze went to Australia. The Team competition was a victory for Australia, with Switzerland finishing second and the USA third.

The 2001 Cable Wakeboard World Championships will be held in the German city of Duisburg next August.



IWSF Executive Board meeting

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To provide these lesser known sports with the media exposure and popularity they require for their further development, the IWGA and its Member Federations organise every four years a multi sports event called **WORLD GAMES**.

The following International Sports Federations (in alphabetical order of their sports' names) are affiliated to the IWGA:

IAF (Aikido), FAI (Air Sports), FITA (Archery), WCBS (Billiards Sports), IFBB (BodyBuilding), CMSB (Boules Sport), FIQ (Bowling), FIC (Canoe), ICF (Casting), IDSF (DanceSport), IFV (Fistball), WFDF (Flying Disc), FIG (Gymnastics), IHF (Handball), JJIF (Ju-Jitsu), FMK (Karate), IKF (Korfball), ILS (Life Saving),

IFNA (Netball), IOF (Orienteering), FIPV (Pelota Vasca), IPF (Powerlifting), IRF (Racquetball), FIRS (Roller Sports), IRB (Rugby), WSF (Squash), ISA (Surfing), TWIF (Tug of War), CMAS (Underwater), IWSF (Water Ski).

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FROM AKITA (continued)

Nagano Winter Olympic Games has become the producer for the 2001 World Games Opening Ceremony. Tsutomu Konno, born in Akita, is Dean of the Musashino Art University in Tokyo.

Visa

The Department of Foreign Affairs of Japan announced the list with the names of the countries where applications for visa must be requested from the Japan embassies. In Europe it concerns Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Romania, Russia and Slovakia. In the Americas, it is only Brazil and in Africa, just South Africa. In Asia, visa must be requested from the Japanese embassies in the People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Iran, Kazakhstan, North Korea and South Korea.

Driving advertisement

Three times a day there is a return trip between Akita Airport and the city of Akita by shuttle bus. Since the end of July, that bus is a moving announcement of the World Games 2001. It is the first time in the history of the Akita Chuoh Kohtsu bus company that the airport shuttle bus is painted with an advertisement.

Access to Akita

All Nippon Airline (ANA) is the official carrier and the Japan Travel Bureau (JTB) is the official travel agency for the Akita Organising Committee (AOC).

Further information regarding special flight arrangements with respect to the World Games 2001 can be obtained from the following ANA branches.

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