

## FROM AKITA

### Sponsors for AOC

The Akita Organising Committee (AOC) is finalising sponsorship agreements for the World Games 2001 with All Nippon Airline (ANA) to be the official carrier and the Japan Travel Bureau to be the official travel agency. These contracts supplement existing sponsorship agreements with the international advertising agency Dentsu Inc. and the Japan Broadcasting Company NHK.



### Almost two thousands athletes at World Games 2001

The Co-ordination Committee for the World Games 2001 held its sixth meeting in early June in Akita City. The Committee reported that, currently, the total number of competitors is 1.968 and 421 officials for which the AOC is agreeing to pay board and lodging. Among various other matters discussed were the details for Opening and Closing Ceremony, Doping Control, arrangements for Victory Ceremonies, food, transportation and promotional issues.

### Provisional selection of hotels

Thirteen hotels in Akita City are currently selected to host most of the athletes and officials in August 2001. Prior to the meeting of the Co-ordination Committee, IWGA representatives visited the accommodations.

Parachuting and Water Ski will be accommodated in a hotel in Ogata Village, near their respective venues. Bowling and Korfball, to be held in Yokote City and in Rokugo Town, will be lodged in hotels in Yokote City.

### Meeting Governor of the Akita Prefecture

On the occasion of their visit to Akita, the IWGA President and the other IWGA representatives at the Co-ordination Committee paid a visit to the Governor of the Akita Prefecture, Sukeshiro Terata. Governor Terata is the Honorary President of the AOC.



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## From the President



It was thrilling to hear International Olympic Committee (IOC) Sports Director Gilbert Felli proclaim in Rio de Janeiro in May that the aim of the IOC is to make the World Games a premium multisports event. Earlier I had the opportunity to make a presentation to the delegates of nearly 200 National Olympic Committees (NOC's) assembled for the biennial meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC). I was heartened by the warm applause which followed the short videotape highlighting the World Games 1997 in Lahti. It was especially gratifying to hear IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch once again encourage

the NOC's to support the World Games to strengthen the place of this event in the Olympic Movement.

The NOC's of Belgium, Chinese Taipei, and South Korea have been involved in their athletes' participation in World Games events in the past and we have recently learned that Colombia, the Netherlands, and the Netherlands Antilles will do the same. We anticipate more NOC's will soon offer similar support for athletes and the World Games!!

A month before the meetings in Rio, I was in Fortaleza, Brazil for the annual meeting of the Association of International Sports Press (AIPS) and made a presentation promoting the World Games. AIPS and the IOC will organise a seminar for young sportswriters during the World Games 2001 in Akita.

In early June Senior Vice-President Bob de Die, Secretary General Co Koren, Treasurer Lukas Hinder, and I inspected various hotels and held most pleasant and highly productive meetings with the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee is right on track with a signed contract with the head office of the international advertising agency Dentsu Inc., and in finalising contract agreements with the All Nippon Airline (ANA) and the Japan Travel Bureau (JTB). The distribution of ticket sales is entrusted to the Pia Company, who will begin accepting reservations for the Opening Ceremony August 16 of this year with advance sales of tickets starting next February. As noted earlier, the host broadcaster for the 2001 World Games is NHK. Elsewhere in this World Games News, you will see pictures of the recently opened World Games shop in Akita City. An amazing variety of articles are already for sale!

It is hoped that by the end of this month we will have more definitive news about the Host City for the World Games 2005. If so, you will all be notified immediately.

As IWGA Honorary Member Stellan Mohlin so kindly wrote to me "now we seems on the safe side of the river and can build further". Also Honorary Member Herman Valken, who like Stellan worked so hard for the survival of the World Games in its early years, sent words of praise. Together with the team of the IWGA Executive Committee I will continue the development of the World Games for the benefit of the athletes and their future. There is still some way to go!

Ron Froehlich, President

# FROM THE IWGA

## Promoting World Games

IWGA President Ron Froehlich travelled twice to Brazil in the previous months. Last May he made a presentation at the biennial meeting of all



National Olympic Committees (ANOC) in Rio de Janeiro. Delegates of more than 190 NOC's were present. Supported with a power point presentation, a video tape, and an informative file for each delegation the IWGA President described the history of the World Games and gave details about the current membership of the IWGA and the forthcoming sixth World Games in Japan. He urged the Delegates to follow the example of their colleagues in Belgium, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and South Korea to support athletes in

their countries to compete in the World Games.

A month earlier, Ron Froehlich made a presentation in Fortaleza in the north of Brazil at the annual meeting of the Association of International Sports Writers (AIPS). Journalists from over 70 countries present were fully informed about the World Games, and the sports on the programme for Akita. The

IWGA President told the meeting that the IOC together with AIPS will organise a seminar for young sports writers in August next year to provide them with the experience of attending a World Games event and to get more familiar with World Games sports.



## 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 also annual meetings of GAISF. Apart from the so-called standard 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 will prepare the elections for Members of the IWGA Executive Committee at the AGM in 2001. The IWGA Executive Committee will hold meetings both before and after the AGM. The Coordination Committee for the World Games 2001 will meet on Tuesday 24th October.

## IF Passports for World Games 2001

IWGA Secretary General Co Koren recently circulated the IF Passports to the 22 Sports Federations involved in World Games 2001. Each form records the details for each Federation regarding the events, the number of medals, the venue, the dates of arrival/departure, the number of athletes and officials, etc. By signing the Passports, the Federations commit themselves to send their best athletes.

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# FROM ORGANISATIONS

## IOC

The Executive Committee of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) met on 20th June in Lausanne (SUI). They ratified the co-operation agreement that WADA must sign with each Olympic International Sports Federation in order for WADA to conduct random out-of-competition tests on the athletes under that Federation's supervision. WADA already has reached a number of written and verbal agreements with Federations. Furthermore the WADA Executive Committee established the WADA Office of Independent Observers at the Sydney Olympic Games. WADA's Secretary General Harri Syvasalmi was named Chairman. He will head a panel up to 11 persons who have competence and experience in the scientific, administrative and legal aspects of Doping Control to act as observers. The next meeting of the WADA Executive Committee is scheduled for the end of August, pending the confirmation of various schedules.



## GAISF

The General Assembly of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), will meet on 28th October in Monte-Carlo (MON), to decide on the acceptance of four new Provisional Members: Bridge, Chess, Floorball, Minigolf and Sport Fishing (with exclusion of Casting, as the world governing body for this sport is already a full Member of GAISF).



The GAISF Congress, 26th - 27th October, will have three themes: 1) Television, Internet, Virtual Advertising; 2) IF's Administration & Sponsoring; 3) Multisports Games co-ordination system.

On Friday 27th October, a Eurosport/GAISF Gala evening will take place at the "Sporting d'Eté" where a total of about ten awards will be presented to athletes, coaches, Federations, etc.

# FROM FEDERATIONS

## Air Sports

The 2nd World Air Games, organised by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), will bring 5.000 athletes and officials from as many 80 different countries to the South of Spain during the last ten days of June 2001.



The national broadcaster, Televisión Española TVE will air daily highlights of 30 minutes and two major features on WAG 2001 in its sportscast on the two Sundays involved.

In conjunction with WAG 2001, the first FAI International Symposium on Air Sports Medicine will take place in Jerez de la Frontera (ESP). The main purpose of the meeting is to contribute to the safety of Air Sports by improving medical knowledge and by communicating experiences and research.

## Billiards

The 4th General Assembly of the World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS) will take place on 13th October in Antalya (TUR). Important issues on the agenda will be the ratifying of a revised Constitution and the election of Board Members. For reasons of continuity the Officers will now be elected for a four years period instead of two.



## Body Building

Malih Alaywan from Lebanon is appointed as the Vice President for the Middle East of the International Federation of BodyBuilders (IFBB). He succeeds Abutouqu Abdul Monem from Jordan. Malih Alaywan has been involved in the world of BodyBuilding for more than 30 years. He is the President of the Lebanese



BodyBuilding Federation and also the General Secretary of the Lebanese Olympic Committee.



Malih Alaywan

## Bowling

During their recent meeting in Poznan (POL), the Presidium of the Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs (FIQ) re-appointed Steve James of the United States as Deputy Secretary General, a post he has held for the last four years. The position of FIQ Secretary General remains vacant.



The 50th anniversary celebration of FIQ is scheduled to be held in Osiek (CRO) in conjunction with the Classic Ninepin World Championships in May 2002. The programme will feature both Ninepin and Tenpin Bowling.

The next FIQ Presidium meeting is scheduled for October during the AMF Bowling World Cup in Lisbon (POR).

## DanceSport

At the Annual General Meeting of the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF), 14th May in Munich (GER), General Secretary Rudi Hubert announced his resignation. He has held this post since 1975. The new General Secretary is Professor Dr Herbert Fenn, also from Germany.



In the past Dr Fenn and his wife participated in various national, continental and international DanceSport competitions. Werner Braun retired as the Press Commissioner. He was appointed as the Adviser to Advisor to President Rudi Baumann for Eastern European Relations. The new IDSF Communications Director is Johannes Biba from Austria.

Up to 500 couples of the Australian DanceSport Federation will play a role in the Closing Ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games. This had been confirmed by the IOC. Further details of the inclusion of DanceSport are being kept confidential.

The IDSF website moved to a new address: [www.idsf.net](http://www.idsf.net)

## Gymnastics

At the June meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG), President Bruno Grandi presented a reform plan for the Gymnastic competitions. In co-operation with the Continental Unions the FIG Media and Competitions Commissions will develop an action plan to modernise the format of the various events to ensure continuous attention from the public as well as the media.



Four of the in total twelve medals awarded at the 5th Sports Aerobics World Championships, held in Riesa (GER) in June, went to Romania. They won Gold with the Individual Women and the Trio, Silver with the Mixed Pair event and Bronze with the Individual Men. Russia and South Korea went home with two medals, respectively: Gold for Mixed Pair and Bronze for Trio for Korea and Silver for Individual Men and Trio for Russia. Spain had one Gold for the Individual Men. Brazil won Silver with Individual Women while Bulgaria had Bronze with the same event. As result of the final ranking the Sports Aerobics competition in the World Games 2001 will include athletes from in total 13 nations, including host country Japan. Next year's World Championships will take place in Klaipeda, Latvia.

The German Federation will host the 2002 Sports Acrobatics World Championships, also in Riesa, and the 2003 Trampoline World Championships.

## Korfball

The International Korfball Federation (IKF) held its Annual General Meeting in Deinze (BEL) on 21st of April. Mrs Helen Searle from Australia was elected as a Member of the Executive Committee succeeding Mrs Valerie Crafter (GBR). Mrs Crafter will continue her involvement in the world of International Korfball as the producer of the IKF Magazine.



The 3rd World Championships for National U23 Teams will be held in Pretoria, South Africa, 30th June-8th July 2001.



Helen Searle

## Life Saving

Alan B. Whelpton AM from Australia became President of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS) succeeding Derrick Whitting. Dr Harald Vervaecke PhD was re-elected as Secretary General for the new period 2000-2004. At the ILS General Assembly, held in Sydney (AUS) on 22nd-23rd March, the composition of the Board of Directors and various Commissions changed.



The Live Saving World Championships, 'Rescue 2000', had a record number of participants. A total of 5,635 from 38 nations people were present in Sydney. Thirteen world records amongst 26 nations were broken during National Team Championships.

Following the outcome of the Life Saving World Championships 2000 the following teams were selected to participate in World Games 2001: Australia, Germany, Italy, Spain, South Africa, New Zealand, Belgium, Netherlands and Japan.

## Netball

The Members Council of the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA) met in Los Angeles (USA) in May. It was decided to start a 'Super Six' series to showcase the sport in 2001. It was also agreed that following this year's World Youth Netball Championships in Cardiff (WAL) the next event for this age group will be in 2005. In conjunction with the Youth event an International Coaching Conference will take place over three days, 21-23 July.



The IFNA Congress scheduled for 2001 will take place in Singapore.

## Orienteering

The Congress of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), to be held in Leibnitz (AUT) in the first week of August, will discuss and decide on many issues regarding the future route of Orienteering. The proposals by the IOF Council include Event Quality Improvement, Orienteering on TV and a new concept for Development of Elite events. Also new forms of races are proposed and a new World Championships programme is outlined. The main aim is to making Orienteering events more spectator- and media-friendly while retaining the fundamental spirit of the sport.



## Powerlifting

The Secretary General of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), Heiner Köberich from Germany, was honoured with one of the highest awards in his country, the Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande, for his longstanding involvement in sports.



The Women Powerlifting World Championships, held in May in Buenos Aires (ARG), had 81 competitors from 20 countries. With nine of the 10 weight classes, a Russian athlete finished first. In the -52kg class the medal went to Ukraine. Russia accumulated the most points, followed by, followed by Chinese Taipei and the United States.

## Racquetball

Han van der Heijden from the Netherlands will not go for re-election as President of the International Racquetball Federation (IRF) at the Congress to be held in conjunction with the 10th World Championships in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, 10th August. He has held that position since 1980. Han van der Heijden is also Secretary General/Treasurer of the Association of Recognized International -Olympic- Federations (ARISF) and Financial Examiner of GAISF and of the IWGA.

The main candidate to succeed Han van der Heijden is Keith D. Calkins from the United States, who joined the IRF Board as Secretary General in 1988 and currently officiates as Vice President.



Han van der Heijden

## Roller Skating

At its congress in Zell am See (AUT) end of June, the Fédération Internationale de Roller Skating decided to change its name into Fédération Internationale de Roller Sports. Another decision was to have every year Downhill Inline Championships. The first event took place early July in Zell am See, Austria.

Recently Jaume Alemany had been appointed as FIRS Internet & Media Officer (jalemany@firs.worldsport.org). One of his first task was to prepare a manual for the Organisation of a Media Department in each National federation. All federations will be requested to nominate a Media officer before the end of this year.

The 2000 World Speed Championships on track, to be held 29th July - 1st August in Barrancabermeja, Columbia, will be the qualification for the World Games 2001 event. Among the more than 50 nations to participate will be for the first-timer Bangladesh. Following the tournament an international seminar about Speedkating will be organised. The Roller Hockey B and C World Championships, due to take place in India this year, will now take place in London (GBR). The event will be held 10-16 December. The four top teams in the overall standings will be allowed to participate in the 2001 Group A World Championships in San Juan (ARG).



## Rugby

During the Annual Meeting of the Council of the International Rugby Board (IRB), 31st March in Dublin (IRE), Vernon Pugh QC was re-elected as Chairman for a four-year term along with Vice-Chairman Rob Fisher and Treasurer Tom Kieman.

The Rugby World Cup 2003 is to be hosted by Australia with New Zealand over a six-week period in October/November 2003.

Chris Rea is to become the IRB's Communications Manager, effective August 1st. He is a former Scottish Rugby international. For the last ten years Chris Rea has been Rugby correspondent for the Independent on Sunday.

## Squash

This year's Annual General Meeting of the World Squash Federation (WSF) will be held in Hong Kong on 5th November. On the agenda the biennial elections for the President and three Vice-Presidents. During the two days prior to this meeting the annual Conference will take place focused on key issues concerned with the development of Squash as well as core topics such as the 2001 Rules change proposal.

In Rio de Janeiro (BRA) the 4th World Squash Development and Coaching Congress is scheduled for 17th till 20th October.



## Tug of War

In early May the Tug of War International Federation (TWIF) held a seminar in Mogelsberg (SWI) to discuss the future of the sport. Among the speakers was IWGA

President Ron Froehlich. The success story came from Chinese Taipei where Tug of War is a regular school sport. The number of athletes involved in Tug of War in this country is about 35.000 of whom 5.000 compete at club level. The main group competes at schools. Training courses are popular, in the last two years attended by more than 1.300 people.



## Water Ski

The International Water Ski Federation (IWSF) set up a new World Wakeboard Council chaired by Jean-Claude Dourousseaud from France. The Council met for the first time early April in the United States. IWSF President Andrés Botero was present.

The first World Wakeboard Championships under IWSF flag will be staged in Moissac (FRA) near Montpellier, in September.

The IWSF announced its first Annual Photography Contest. Pictures, divided over 11 categories, should be send in before 10th September. There is a limit of 12 pictures per person.

The IWSF Headquarters new e-mail address is [iwsf@epm.net.co](mailto:iwsf@epm.net.co)



The Wakeboard Council with IWSF President in the middle.



Erich Kinzel



The man who was one of the founders of the International Fistball Association (IFV) in 1960 and of the International Trampoline Federation (FIT) in 1964, Erich Kinzel from Germany passed away in June, aged 85. For 30 years he acted as the IFV Secretary General. After a three years period in the same position with FIT, Erich Kinzel became President in 1967. During his 23 years of Presidency until 1990, he developed the FIT into a worldwide, IOC recognised Federation. Besides his work in the world of international sports, Erich Kinzel was professionally involved with the German Gymnastics Federation.

# FROM THE IWGA

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## 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=new).

Argentina	Fistball, <i>Life Saving</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i> , Roller Hockey, <i>Sports Aerobics</i>
Australia	<i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> , Trampoline, Tumbling W
Austria	Fistball, <i>Powerlifting</i>
Belarus	Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling W
Belgium	<i>Billiards Carom</i> , Korfball, <i>Life Saving</i> , Trampoline
Brazil	Fistball, <i>Powerlifting</i> , Roller Hockey, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> , Trampoline, Tumbling W
Bulgaria	Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> , Trampoline
Canada	Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling W
Chile	<i>Sports Aerobics</i>

China	Rhythmic Gymnastics
<i>Chinese Taipei</i>	<i>Powerlifting</i>
Czech Republic	<i>Orienteering</i> , Trampoline W
Denmark	<i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , Trampoline M, Tumbling M
England	Tug of War
Estonia	<i>Orienteering</i>
Finland	<i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i> W, Rhythmic Gymnastics
France	<i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> , Trampoline M, Tumbling
Georgia	Rhythmic Gymnastics, Tumbling M
Germany	<i>Billiards Carom</i> , Fistball, Korfball, <i>Life Saving</i> , <i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i> W, Rhythmic, Gymnastics, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> W, Trampoline
Great Britain	Korfball, <i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , Trampoline, Tumbling
Greece	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Hungary	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Iceland	<i>Sports Aerobics</i> M
India	<i>Powerlifting</i>
Ireland	Tug of War
Israel	<i>Parachuting</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics
Italy	<i>Life Saving</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> W
Japan	<i>Billiards Carom</i> , Fistball, <i>Life Saving</i> , <i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> , Trampoline, Tug of War, Tumbling M
Kazakhstan	Tumbling
Lithuania	<i>Orienteering</i>

Moldavia	Trampoline M
Netherlands	<i>Billiards Carom</i> , Korfball, <i>Life Saving</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i> , Tug of War
New Zealand	<i>Life Saving</i> , Trampoline
North Korea	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Northern Ireland	Tug of War
Norway	<i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i>
Poland	<i>Powerlifting</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline W, Tumbling M
Portugal	Korfball, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, Trampoline, Tumbling
Romania	Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Sports Aerobics</i>
Russia	<i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> , Trampoline, Tumbling
Scotland	Tug of War
Slovakia	Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline W
Spain	<i>Billiards Carom</i> , <i>Life Saving</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, Roller Hockey, <i>Sports Aerobics</i> , Tug of War
South Africa	<i>Life Saving</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline W, Tumbling
South Korea	Rhythmic Gymnastics, <i>Sports Aerobics</i>
Sweden	<i>Orienteering</i> , Trampoline M, Tug of War
Switzerland	Fistball, <i>Orienteering</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , Tug of War
Turkey	<i>Billiards Carom</i>
Ukraine	<i>Powerlifting</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling
United States	<i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Powerlifting</i> , Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling
Venezuela	<i>Powerlifting</i>

## FOR THE CALENDAR

The list with upcoming qualifying events reads as follows



09-16/07	Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA)	World Championships Field Archery	04-08/10	Faro (POR)	World Championships Men Pétanque
29/07-07/08	Barrancabermeja (COL)	World Championships Speed Roller Skating	05-08/10	Saint Etienne (FRA)	World Championships Billiards Carom
27-30/07	Moissac (FRA)	World Trophy Water Ski Tournament	06-15/10	Ise City (JPN)	World Championships Parachuting Accuracy Landing
31/07-06/08	Ann Arbor, Michigan (USA)	World Championships Flying Disc Golf	12-15/10	Munich (GER)	World Championships Karate
05-12/08	Heilbronn (GER)	World Championships Flying Disc Ultimate	13-16/10	Warsaw (POL)	World Championships Women BodyBuilding
10-13/08	Pamiers (FRA)	World Championships Women Boule Lyonnaise	30/10-02/11	Tunis (TUN)	World Championships Men U23 Boule Lyonnaise
24-27/08	Fergus Fall (USA)	World Championships Water Ski Barefoot	07-13/11	Wroclaw (POL)	World Championships Sports Acrobatics
03-17/09	Springfield, Mass (USA)	World Championships Artistic Roller Skating	14-19/11	Akita City (JPN)	World Championships Men Powerlifting
05-10/09	Kalmar (SWE)	World Championships Casting	15-20/11	Malacca (MAS)	World Championships Men BodyBuilding
07-10/09	Hyerer (FRA)	World Championships Women Pétanque	25-26/11	Copenhagen (DEN)	World Championships Ju-Jitsu
14-17/09	Montpellier (FRA)	World Championships Water Ski Wakeboard			
02-09/10	Palma de Mallorca (ESP)	World Championships Fin Swimming			

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Assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF). IWGA is an association of independent international Sports Federations (all affiliated to GAISF) whose sports are not (yet) on the programme of the Olympic Games.

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.

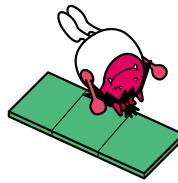
The following International Sports Federations (in alphabetical order of their sports' names) are affiliated to the IWGA: IAF (Aikido), FAI (Air Sports), FITA (Archery), WCBS (Billiards Sports), IFBB (BodyBuilding), CMSB (Boules Sport), FIQ (Bowling), FIC (Canoe), ICF (Casting), IDSF (DanceSport), IFV (Fistball), WFD (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).

Please direct any questions about WORLD GAMES NEWS to the Editor, IWGA Press Officer Mrs Trukie Albarda. All questions regarding the IWGA in general or the next WORLD GAMES event in particular should be addressed to the Secretary General of the IWGA, Co Koren.

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# FROM AKITA (continued)



## Press conference IWGA President

IWGA President Ron Froehlich held a press conference after the sixth meeting of the Co-ordination Committee for the World Games 2001 Akita. He informed the media about the various issues discussed. Main topic was the possible reduction of the operational costs for the event. Another item was the hoisting of national flags and the use of national anthems.



## All Japan High School Gymnastic Federation meeting

World Games 2001 Akita played a significant role at the Opening Ceremony of the annual meeting of the All Japan High School Gymnastic Federation on June 2. A parachutist landed accurately bearing the flags of the IWGA and of the AOC and was welcomed by the mascots Huggy and Nummy. More than 60 high schools took part in the meeting with 5,555 participants divided over 30 sports. The one week event had over 11 thousand spectators.



## World Games shop open

A World Games shop opened in Akita City in a multicultural centre near the railway station. A wide variety of articles - from dolls to T-shirts, caps, key rings and mobile phone holders - are for sale.



## Pictogram for each sport

Huggy and Nummy, the mascots of the World Games 2001 Akita, are being used for the pictograms symbolising the various sports in the competition as well as on the demonstration programme. The female mascot Nummy promotes 13 sports, her male colleague Huggy 12, and both promote five together.

