

WORLD GAMES NEWS

From the President



More and more the framework of the World Games 2001 - to be held in Akita, Japan, 16th till 26th August - gets settled. During the meetings of GAISF, last October in Monaco, the Akita Organising Committee as well as the IWGA held bilateral talks with most of the International Federations involved. Thanks to these intense discussions you will find elsewhere in this issue of World Games News a provisional list with participating Federations and their disciplines. Details about venues and dates will hopefully be ready for publication after the next meeting of the Coordination Group, scheduled for April next year in Akita. The October meeting of the Coordination Group was productive and stimulating for all present. I was delighted to learn the generous offer of the Akita Organising Committee that two representatives of each International Federation will be invited to visit Akita from Monday 11th till Wednesday 13th October, prior to next year's GAISF Congress and General Assembly in Osaka, Japan. I am sure that this initiative will be of enormous benefit to the final preparations of the sixth edition of the World Games.

The newly produced videotape was great. I was personally most touched by the nomination for the World Games seat at the GAISF Council, which was unanimously accepted.

In Monaco there was also the Annual General Meeting of the IWGA with 28 of the total 33 Member Federations present. It was a good meeting with as highlight the presentation by the Akita delegation headed by the first female Lieutenant Governor of the Akita Prefecture, Mrs. Kumiko Bando, the Speaker of the House, Yashushi Kitabayashi and the Vice President of the Akita Organising Committee Seiichi Suda.

We attended the General Assembly of the GAISF I sincerely congratulate Dr Un Yong Kim, our Honorary Founder President, with the reelection as President, and all others reelected or elected for the first time. Of course I am especially pleased to see that the current Council has many some ties with the IWGA: the Members Gerry Koenig, President of our Member Federation of Bowling, the Softball President Don Porter, our first Secretary General, and President Les McDonald of Triathlon, also an IWGA Member Federation in the past.

Within a few weeks we will enter the last year of the 20th era, so the IWGA Executive are already focussing on the organisation of the 2005 World Games. It looks far ahead, but in nowadays world time is running fast!

As this is the last issue of World Games News in 1998, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable festive season and a prosperous and healthy 1999.

**Ron Froelilich,
President**

FROM THE IWGA

Annual General-Meeting

The Honorary Founder President of the IWGA, Dr Un Yong Kim, opened the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 15th October in MonteCarlo, attended by delegates of 28 of the 33 in total Member Federations. A special world of welcome was for the Lieutenant Governor of the Akita Prefecture Mrs. Kumiko Bando and the Speaker of the House Yasushi Kitabayashi as well as the Vice President of the Akita Organising Committee Seiichi Suda.

President Froelilich informed the meeting on the financial support from the IOC for the IWGA administration, on the remarks made by the IOC President at the meeting with all National Olympic Committees in Seville to give attention to the World Games sports, on the appointment of two IWGA Member Federations' Presidents in IOC Commissions (Mrs. Sue Harvey from Orienteering and Gerald L. Koenig from Bowling), on the assistance offered by the IOC for media coverage as well as the further talks to be held with the IOC Sports Director Gilbert Felli after early February next year.



Dr. Un Yong Kim opening the IWGA AGM



Part of the Akita delegation



The delegation from Karate

Provisional Programme World Games 2001

At the Annual General Meeting Secretary General Co Koren gave an overview of the current situation and the allotment of numbers of athletes and officials for each sport in particular. He underlined the need for bilateral discussions with all representatives of IWGA Member Federations present in Monte-Carlo regarding various aspects of their inclusion in the programme.

Senior Vice President Bob de Die mentioned that due to lack of facilities Ninepin Bowling, Pelota Vasca, Racquetball and Surfing could not be included in the programme for the World Games 2001 in Akita. More clarification will be needed for the venue for Artistic and Hockey Roller Skating. New on the programme are (in alphabetical order): Billiards, Flying Disc, Orienteering, Rhythmic Gymnastics and Rugby Seven-a side. Furthermore Life Saving will have an additional event at the beachside, while Air Sports (Hang Gliding), Sports Boules (Boule Lyonnaise) and Water Ski (Wakeboard) are allowed an additional discipline. The Executive Committee of the IWGA decided that no competitions will be allowed to be held with less than six athletes. If there are indeed less than six, the IWGA has the right to withhold the medals.

The **provisional** list with sports on the competition programme contains Billiards (Carom, Pool and Snooker), BodyBuilding, Boule Lyonnaise, Bowling, Casting, DanceSport, Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Fistball, Flying Disc (Golf and Ultimate), Hang Gliding, ju-Jitsu, Karate, Korfball, Life Saving (Beach and Pool), Netball, Orienteering, Parachuting, Manque, Powerlifting, Roller Skating Artistic, Roller Skating Hockey, Roller Skating Speed, Rugby Seven-a-side, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Acrobatics, Sports Aerobics, Squash, Trampoline, Tug of War Men, Tumbling and Water Ski.

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FROM ORGANISATIONS

IOC

As preparation for the World Conference on Doping in Sport, to be organised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) 2nd - 4th February 1999 at the Palais de Beaulieu in Lausanne, representatives of the IOC, the International Olympic Sports Federations and the Association of National Olympic Committees met on 27th November. All present underlined again their determination to continue and to intensify the fight against doping in the sport. A list with seven principles and provisions was unanimously adopted for further discussion during the World Conference on Doping, although Cycling, Football and Tennis expressed their reservations on some of these points.

The IOC Evaluation Commission having visited all of the cities bidding for the **2006** Winter Games (Sion, Turin, Klagenfurt, Poprad-Tatry, Zakopane and Helsinki) will prepare its report to be published by late January 1999. The choice of the host city for the 2006 Games will be made on 19th June, during the 108th IOC Session in Seoul (KOR).

GAISF

During the annual General Assembly of the International Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), 17th October in Monte-Carlo (MON), elections were held for the Council. Dr Un Yong Kim (IOC Member, President Taekwondo) was reelected President. Due to the newly amended statutes the number of GAISF Council Members has been increased from nine to eleven. The composition of Council for the coming two years period is as follows: president Dr Un Yong Kim; vice presidents Dr Tamas Ajan (Weightlifting) and Hein Verbruggen (Cycling); members (in alphabetical order) Paul Henderson (Sailing), Gian Franco Kasper (Skiing), Gerald Koenig (Bowling), Les McDonald (Triathlon), Dr Primo Nebiolo (Athletics), Don Porter (Softball), Horst Schreiber (Shooting Sport) and Ron Froehlich (World Games, Trampoline).

The General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution fully supporting the IOC in its fight against doping sports and urging all organisations concerned to take an active part in the IOC World Conference on Doping and to make sure that the measures be strictly applied.

The World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS) and the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) have been made full members. At present GAISF recognizes 90 Federations which amounts to around 150 sports.

FROM FEDERATIONS

Air Sports

Per 7th December the headquarters of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) will be operational from the new location in Lausanne. The new address is Avenue Mon Repos 24, 1005 Lausanne, Switzerland, telephone +41 21 3451070 and fax +41 21 3451077. The email address remains unchanged, i.e. sec@fai.org. The current Paris office will continue to function until 4th January 1999, although with different temporarily numbers for telephone and fax, respectively +33 1 45489043 and +33 145489051.

Billiards

During its third General Assembly, 4th December in Bangkok (THA), the World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS) will welcome a new President, Sindhu Pulsirivong from Thailand. According to the WCBS Constitution its President comes from one of the three line divisions, Carom, Pool or Snooker. The first President was André Gagnaux from Carom, his successor Jurgen Sandman is from Pool and now Sindhu Pulsirivong represents the Snooker division.

Body Building

The International Congress of the International Federation of BodyBuilders (IFBB), held 15th I BB November in Izmir (TUR) in conjunction with the Men's World Amateur Bodybuilding Championships, adopted the new Doping Control programme including the IOC list of "Prohibited and Restricted Substances and Prohibited Methods" and the sole use of IOC-accredited laboratories to conduct sample analysis. Pending the outcome of the doping control tests, the best National Team Award at the Men's World Championships went to Egypt, followed by Turkey and Spain. In the individual events, six in total, Egypt won three times Gold (Bantamweight, Lightweight and Middleweight), Turkey two (Welterweight and Light heavy weight), while Jordan finished first with Heavyweight.

The 1998 Women's World Championships, held 23-26 October in Alicante (ESP), had three competitions (Lightweight, Middleweight and Heavyweight). Slovakia, Turkey and Spain won Gold medals.

Bowling

The Finnish Women's team finished first at the World Tenpin Team Cup of the Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs (FIQ), held in Hoofddorp (NED) 21 - 25 October. Finland defeated the United States, having previously beaten Malaysia into third place. For the Men's title Sweden took the Gold medal in the final versus the United States team that had a win over Finland.

The Brunswick FIQ Dubai Grand Slam tournament, scheduled in Dubai (the capital of the United Arab Emirates) for April 1999 has been postponed till Spring 2000 due to delays in construction of the facility.

Tenpin Bowling will be included in the programme of the East Asian Games, to be held in Osaka (JPN) in May 2001.

The World Ninepin Bowling Association, the other part of FIQ, terminated the appointment of its Secretary René Hanehus from Denmark.

Casting

Delegates of Member Federations of the International Casting Federation (ICF) attended a meeting in Stockholm (SWE), 20th - 22nd November, to discuss the future development of the International Casting Sport. In the coming months working groups, with ICF President Edward H. Frerichs in the chair, will prepare more detailed proposals for next year's Congress and General Assembly.

DanceSport

The World Championships Standard 1998 of the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF), held in Tokyo, Japan last October had 86 participating couples from 42 countries from all five continents. More than 3,000 spectators were present in the Yoyogi Olympia Hall of the National Stadium watching the competitions. Judged with closed marking the final result was a first place for the Italian couple William Pino and Alessandra Bucciarelli (Silver at the World Games 1997 in Lahti), followed by Allan and Donna Shingler from England and by Michele Bonsignori and Monica Baldasseroni also from Italy.



The 1998 World Champion Standard in action

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Gymnastics

The XIth World Gymnaestrada - to be organised by the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG), 4-10 June 1999 in Göteborg (SWE) - will have a record-breaking number of participants, 25,000. The previous event, held in 1995 in Berlin had 19,300 athletes while the first four yearly event, 1953 in Rotterdam, had only 6,000 participants. The Gymnaestrada is completely non-competitive but it encourages group productions of gymnasts from all five continents, of all ages, united around the ideal and virtues which gymnastics maintains.

Handball

For the first time in the history of the International Handball Federation (IHF) national teams from all five continents will be at the start of the 1999 Men's World Championships, to be held in Cairo, Port Said and Ismailia (EGY) from 1 to 5 June. Including the reigning World Champion, Russia, 24 teams will compete. The draw for the preliminary round groups will be carried out on 27th January in Cairo. The IHF will stage a seminar on "Women and handball in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. With this event the IHF wants to thematize the need for increased presence of women in sport. All further details and the complete seminar programme will be announced at the end of this year.

Ju-Jitsu

The World Championships of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF), held in Berlin (GER) 20-22 November, had 190 competitors from 18 countries. Japan participated for the first time. The top three in the medal table were France (four Gold, four Silver and three Bronze), Germany (four Gold, two Silver, five Bronze) and The Netherlands (one Gold, four Silver and three Bronze). The next World Championships will be held in -Copenhagen -(DEN)-, November 2000.

Karate

After 35 years the World Karate Federation (FMK) has a new President as Jacques Delcourt stepped down and is succeeded by Antonio Espinós Ortueta from Spain. The FMK Congress, held in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) on 16th October preceding the World Championships, also formally elected George Yerolimpos as Secretary General.

The World Championships had a total of ten Men's and seven Women's competitions for 771 participants. France won the most medals: five Gold, four Silver and two Bronze,

followed by Japan (five Gold, one Silver and two Bronze), Turkey (two Gold, three Bronze) and England (one Gold, two Silver, three Bronze).



Antonio Espinós



George Yerolimpos

Korfball

The Executive Committee of the International Korfball Federation (IKF) decided on the composition of the groups at the 6th World Championships, to be held in Adelaide (AUS) next July. In group A play the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan and The Netherlands. In group B are Australia, Belgium, Great Britain and India. And group C consists of Poland, Portugal, South Africa and Chinese Taipei. The current World Champion is The Netherlands gaining the title after defeating Belgium in the final of the 1995 World Championships in New Delhi (IND).

Netball

Next year's World Championships of the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA), to be held in Christchurch (NZL) 21st September, 2nd October, will not only have the record of 28 teams, i.e. 336 players, but also 140 team officials, 28 umpires and more than 150 volunteers. Across two courts 134 matches will be played. The first group contains the current World

Orienteering

The International Orienteering Federation (IOF) will organise a Presidents' Conference, in conjunction with the World Orienteering Championships (1 - 8 August 1999 in Inverness, Scotland). One of the two topics of the meeting is the revision of the Foot Orienteering elite events programme, for which recently a working group had been established. The other topic is recruitment, a long-term issue facing many of the mature Orienteering Federations. Besides, a detailed programme for a new type of World Cup in Orienteering, to start in the year 2000, will be ready within the next few months.

Pelota Vasca

The General Assembly of the Fédération Internationale de Pelota Vasca (FIPV), meeting on 21st October in Mexico DF, unanimously reelected Enrique Gaytán de Ayala as President, being in the chair since 1994. With the World Championships, also held in Mexico 15-25 October, most medals were for Spain (five Gold, two Silver, three Bronze), followed by Mexico (three Gold, three Silver) and Argentina (three Gold, one Silver, two Bronze).

In 2000 the FIPV General Assembly will be held on the French island Reunion, located near Mauritius in the Indian Ocean.



Enrique Gaytán de Ayala

Powerlifting

The annual Congress of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), 11th November in Cherkasy (UKR) and held in conjunction with the World Men's Open Championships, elected Heiner Köberich of Germany as the new General Secretary and his fellow countryman Gerhard Geissler as Treasurer. Peter Thorne from the United States is the IPF Media Officer while Canadian Mike Armstrong is the new assistant General Secretary and also Internet Officer and Newsletter Editor. The new IPF General Secretary Heiner Köberich can be reached at Arnselweg 3, 6457 Klein Gerau, Germany, tel + 49 6152 910306, fax + 49 6152 91030, email heiner@ipf.com.



IPF President Grahame Fong opening the Men's World Championships

The Congress also adopted major changes to the IPF sanctions for drug offences. More severe sanctions are now imposed on a member Federation that has a lifter testing positive, making the nation more accountable.

The Men's Open World Championships had 148 competitors from 32 countries for 11 weight categories (from under 52 kg to over 125 kg) and a team competition. Pending the drug test results, the unofficial title for the team competition was for Russia, followed by Ukraine and USA.

Champion Australia, Jamaica, Western Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Zambia. The second group holds South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Namibia, Singapore, Botswana and Vanuatu. In the third group are New Zealand, Cook Islands, Canada, Wales, Scotland, Tonga and Pakistan while New Zealand 1999 England, Malawi, USA, Northern Ireland, Hong Kong, Niue and Fiji form the last group.

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Roller Skating

This year's World Artistic Roller Skating Championships, one of the four disciplines of the Fédération Internationale de Roller Skating (FIRS), were held in Bogota, Columbia, from 9th till 15th November. There were three Individual Events for Men and for Women, Figures, Combined and Freeskating, while couples competed in Dance and Pair. With the Men's events Italy had most of the medals (one Gold, two Silver, one Bronze), while with the Women Italy and Germany had the same number of medals, three (one Gold, one Silver, one Bronze each). With the couples the United States earned three medals (one Gold, one Silver, one Bronze) and Italy had two (one Gold and one Bronze) and Argentina one Silver. In 1999 the World Artistic Roller Skating Championships will be held in Sydney (AUS).

Rugby

The Executive Council of the International Rugby Board (IRB) decided that Argentina is the host of the Cup Sevens, to be in Mar del Plata in January A World Sevens Grand Prix series will most likely start late in 1999. Besides the criteria had been approved for a new 15-year schedule of international tours, tournaments and fixtures. Where major competitions are concerned, the new schedule confirms Rugby World Cup takes place every four years in the September-November period. For further development of the game the IRB is spending over £ 5 million each year.

Sports Acrobatics

The Congress of the International Federation of Sports Acrobatics (IFS), held 27th October in Minsk (BLR), ratified the Agreement for Merger with the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG).

Squash

At the Annual General Meeting of the World Squash



Khan, Simcock, Corby, Smith and Ted Wallbuton,
Chief Executive

Federation (WSF), 8th November in Stuttgart (GER), the record 10-times British Open Squash Champion from Pakistan, Jahangir Khan, has been elected a Vice President. New Zealand's Susie Simcock was reelected as President, together with Vice Presidents Anne Smith from Canada and England's Mike Corby.

The Men's World Championships 1999 will be held in Cairo (EGY) in conjunction with the Men's World Open, while also the Women's world event in 2000 will be hosted by Egypt. With the Women's World Championships, held 1-15 November in Stuttgart, Australia won the team event with England on second place and New Zealand third. Winner of the World Open title was for the third successive year Sara Fitz-Gerald from Australia beating her compatriot Michelle Martin.

Surf

The International Surfing Association (ISA) held its Annual General Meeting over the first weekend of the World Surfing Games 1998, held in Cascais, north of Lisbon in Portugal. President Fernando Aguerre (Argentina) was unanimously reelected as President. Also re-elected were Vice Presidents Alan Atkins (Australia), Marcos Conde (Brazil) and Jacques Hele (France). Robin De Kock from South Africa was newly elected Vice President in the Executive Committee. Cadu Villela will continue as ISA Executive Director.



Fernando Aguerre

Tahiti intends to host the 2000 World Surfing Games while Chile is in for the event in the year 2002. With the final Team Rankings of this year's World Championships the first place was for Australia, followed by Brazil and South Africa. The total number of participating countries was 34, including first-time participants Austria, Namibia, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Aruba and Guatemala. The ISA headquarters has moved within La Jolla, California. The postal address remains the same, while the new numbers are for and for fax + 1 619 5515290.

Trampoline

The Congress of the Fédération Internationale de Trampoline (FIT), held on 6th October in Sydney (AUS), ratified the Agreement for Merger with the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG). The FIT will dissolve per 31st December 1998 and its three sports Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini-Trampoline will become disciplines of the FIG by 1st January 1999. They will be governed by the new FIG Technical Committee for Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini Trampoline. The discipline Individual Men's and Women's Trampoline will be included in the programme of the Olympic Games 2000 in Sydney. The 20th World Championships, 9-11 October in Sydney, resulted in eight Gold medals for Russia, three for New Zealand and one for Brazil, Germany as well as France.

Water Ski

The request from the International Water Ski Federation (IWSF) to be included as a new sport in the programme of the Olympic Games 2004 in Athens, has been approved by the National Olympic Committee of Greece. The final decision is to be made by the IOC. The IWSF appointed Des Burke-Kennedy, being involved in Waterskiing for over 30 years, from Ireland as Media Officer. He can be reached at Advance House, JFK Drive, Dublin 12, Ireland, tel +353 1 4502122, fax +353 14565607, email dbk@advance.iol.ie.

