

## WORLD GAMES NEWS

### From the President



In due course we all will meet during the annual meeting of our umbrella organisation GAISF. I am sure that its Director Jean Claude Schupp and his hardworking staff will again do a wonderful job by preparing the many details for all of us in their hometown Monte Carlo. The subject for this year's Congress 'Sport and Education' is a perfect choice as youth all over the world should benefit by practising sport without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play. I especially look forward to meeting all delegates from our Member Federations to attend our annual conference. Be prepared for a busy schedule, as a lot of your time should be spent on discussions about the 2001 World Games in Akita. We are now in the process of at last finalising the composition of the sports programme with all its relevant consequences.

Despite your most appreciated co-operation shown already, there are still a lot of items to be fully clarified. Now in order to avoid any discrepancy, misunderstanding or whatever, I trust that our long existing close and fruitful collaboration is the perfect tool to overcome any problem. I had the opportunity to meet the Organising Committee at the end of August and I must repeat my previous statements that they continue to do a marvellous job with the various preparations. Their efforts also include the constant promotion of our World Games event and its sports at different happenings taking place in Akita City. I am sure that most of the citizens of Akita already know what to expect in three years time.

I am convinced that our next formal meeting of the Co-ordination Group will be another positive step forwards to a successful World Games 2001, which will be the first in the new millennium and the first on the Asian continent.

I wish you a safe and pleasant trip to the South of France. See you in Monte Carlo!

Ron Froehlich, President

## FROM AKITA

### Akita Organising Committee

Further to the meeting with the Technical Delegates held in July the Organising Committee for the 2001 Akita World Games drafted most provisional schedules for competitions and selected - also provisionally - many of the sport venues. The proposals will be discussed during the next meeting of the Co-ordination Group, in the afternoon hours of Tuesday 13th October in Monte Carlo (MON).

The staff of the OC has an additional member for international contacts, Ryuta Sato. Being raised in Akita City he studied in the United States and till recently worked for a trading company in Tokyo.

### Poster painting

On Sunday 23rd August a World Games Festival was held at the Children's Hall in Akita City during which children had the opportunity to produce their own version of the World Games poster by colouring blank suns printed on the paper. The suns symbolise athletes and guests to participate in the event. Along with the poster painting, several World Games sports were demonstrated, including Body Building, DanceSport, Flying Disc, Karate, Powerlifting and Sport Aerobics.



Great fun with colouring suns

### Sports Boules in the Akita Prefecture

The Skydome in the Akita Prefectural Central Park at Yuwa Town was the venue for the first Japan Sports Boules Championships. There were over 40 competitors.



Sports Boules at the Skydome



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### FROM AKITA continued

#### Korfball in the Akita Prefecture

In the Aspal Gymnasium in Rokugo Town in the South of the Akita Prefecture the first Japan Korfball Championships took place. Besides teams from Japan also two teams from Chinese Taipei, winning bronze at the 1997 World Games, participated in the event. The title was for the team from Akita.



#### World Games Sports demonstration

Part of the national Jamboree event, held under the auspices of the Akita Prefecture and attended by the Japanese Crown Prince and Crown Princess, was this year a World Games demonstration programme. Approx. 2000 boy scouts tested their skills with Casting, Flying Disc and Sport Boules.



Boy scouts practising Flying Disc

#### 1998 World Games Fair

The first weekend in October the second version of the annual World Games Fair will be organised, an initiative of the Sasakawa Sports Foundation. At the Yabase Track and Field stadium in Akita City visitors will have the opportunity to watch various demonstrations as well as to participate in trial programmes.



The flyer for the 1998 World Games Fair

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### FROM THE IWGA

The Executive Committee of the IWGA will meet Wednesday 14th October in Monte Carlo (MON). On the agenda, among other issues, the outcome of the meeting with the Co-ordination Group held the day before and it is hoped that decisions can be made for the composition of the sports programme for the 6th World Games in 2001 in Akita (JPN).

The 1998 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the IWGA is to take place on Thursday 15th October, 14.00 - 17.00 hrs at the Meridien Beach Plaza Hotel in Monte Carlo (MON). Nearly all of the 32 active Member Federations will be represented.

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### FROM ORGANISATIONS

#### IOC

On 27th October the IOC is holding a preliminary meeting with the International Summer and Winter Sports Federations as well as representatives of the NOC's to prepare the World Conference on Doping in Sport, scheduled for 2nd and 3rd February 1999. It is hoped that the Conference adopt concrete measures, which should go a long way towards eradicating doping in sport. The IOC would like the endorsement from the IF's for a single Olympic Movement Medical Code unifying the procedures and sanctions.

#### GAISF

The theme of the annual GAISF Congress, to be held in Monte Carlo 15th and 16th October, is "Sport and Education". Among the speakers is the Secretary General of the FAI (Aeronautics) Max Bishop.

### FROM FEDERATIONS

#### Aeronautics

During the General Conference of the Federation Internationale de Aeronautics (FAI), in Toulouse (FRA) 28th September-3rd October, the contract will signed with the Spanish organisers of the 2nd World Air Games, to be held in the year 2001 around the town of Seville. HM Juan Carlos, King of Spain, has accepted to act as the President of Honour of the Organising Committee of the event.

From the beginning of next December the offices of the FAI will be located in the same building as those of the International Federations of Baseball, Equestrian and Fencing, i.e. at 24, Avenue Mon Repos in Lausanne, Switzerland.



HM King Juan Carlos of Spain meeting FAI President Eilif Ness

#### Archery

At the 1998 Field Archery World Championships, held in Gurgl (AUT) early August, gold medals were won by Austrian Sabine Mayhofer (Recurve), Catherine Pellen from France (Compound), and British Patricia Lovell (Bare Bow). With the Men the first places were for Jonathan Shales from Great Britain (Recurve), Swedish Peter Andersson (Compound) and his fellow country man Erik Jonsson (Bare Bow). Italy took the Women's Team gold whilst Great Britain won the Men's event. The next, 2000, Field Archery World Championships will be held in Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA).

The 2nd World Ski Archery Championships will take place in France, in Bessans, from 19th to 21st March 1999.



The site for the 1998 Field Archery World Championships

#### Billiards

The President of the World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS), Jorgen Sandman, became the head of the first ever Billiards Faculty, which is an initiative of the Ukrainian State University of Physical Education and Sport. The main purpose is to educate professional coaches for Billiards. Due to his new position Jorgen Sandman recently moved from Austria to Ukraine. He is now to be reached at Fizkultury Str. 1, 252650 Kiev-5, Ukraine, on telephone/fax number +380 442276821.

The chief editor of the Pool & Billiard Magazine Mrs Shari Stauch from the United States has been appointed as the PR Manager of the WCBS Board, a position vacant since the sudden death of Don Shimel earlier this year.

#### Bowling

Gerald L. Koenig officially announced he is to seek re-election as President of the Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs (FIQ) when its Congress meets in the United Arab Emirates in 1999.

Under Koenig's leadership FIQ, the world governing body of bowling, has grown to 113 federations. Development of the sport through meaningful education and training programs, interactive communication, increased publicity and visibility by securing television coverage for all FIQ events and a sustained revenue streak continue to be Koenig's goals.



Gerald L. Koenig, FIQ President since 1995

#### Casting

Competitors from 21 countries participated in the 1998 World Championships of the International Casting Federation (ICF). With the Individual Men competitions Patrik Luxa from the Czech Republic took three of the 12 gold medals while with the Women German Jana Maisel finished on first place with half of events (five times gold). The Team competition was a triumph for the German Men and for the Women of the Czech Republic.

#### Fistball

The 10th Men's World Championships of the International Fistball Federation (IFV) will next year take place in Switzerland, 16-22 August, with 12 participating teams coming from Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Namibia and Switzerland. Since associations from the U.S.A. and Japan have been recently recognised by the IFV, also teams from these countries will participate.

With the 2nd Women's World Championships held in Austria early September Germany finished at first place, followed by Switzerland and Austria.

#### Flying Disc

During the annual congress of the World Federation of Flying Disc (WFDF), held in Blaine, Minnesota (USA) in August, it was decided to have next year's Overall World Championships in Kalmar (SWE). In the year 2000 the 10th World Ultimate and Guts Championships will take place in Heilbronn (GER).

The top three at this year's World Ultimate and Guts Championships, held in Blaine, Minnesota (USA) with the Men were Canada, Japan and the U.S.A., with the Women the U.S.A., Japan and Canada.

#### Gymnastics

During their August meeting in Indianapolis (USA) the Executive Committee of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) established common guidelines for the preparation of new Code of Points for all FIG disciplines. The Codes are to be completed by the respective Technical Committees and will be implemented on 1st January 2001. Upon a request from the IOC an extraordinary decision had been taken concerning the tie breaking rules giving priority to good execution. Those rules will already be used at the 1999 World Championships. For consistency reasons it was decided that Rhythmic Sports Gymnastics be called Rhythmic Gymnastics in future.

#### Handball

The 2001 Men's World Championships of the International Handball Federation (IHF) will be organised in France, as decided during the IHF Congress held in Yamoussoukro, the capital of the Ivory Coast.

The new dates for the next World Women's Handball Championships in Norway and Denmark are 28th November - 12th December 1999.

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#### Ju-Jitsu

From 31st January to 6th February 1999 the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) will organise the annual Winter Camp in Fai della Paganella in the Italian Dolomites. On the programme daily Ju-Jitsu training, a friendly tournament and an official Referee Course as well as the opportunity for skiing.

#### Korfball

The first Asian-African Championship of the International Korfball Federation (IKF), held in Durban (RSA) last July, were won by Chinese Taipei, with South Africa and India on second and third place. After attending this event IKF President Bob de Die paid courtesy visits to the South African Ministry of Sport and Recreation, the National Sports Council and the National Olympic Committee. Traditionally Korfball baskets have been made of rattan, but the IKF is now experimenting with more modern looking baskets made of synthetic material. Various prototypes are being tested and the IKF hopes that these new baskets will be widely used by the time the sport celebrates its centenary in 2003.



A Korfball basket of synthetic material

#### Netball

The 1999 World Championships of the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA), to be held in Christchurch (NZL), will have a record 28 competing countries. The top six seeded teams come from Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, England, Jamaica and Trinidad-Tobago.

#### Orienteering

The next Congress of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), in 2000, will be held in Austria in conjunction with a week-long series of top-level Park Orienteering races (so-called PWT Champions' Week) and a scientific symposium. The IOF Congress held in Portugal re-elected Mrs Sue Harvey for another two years period. Among other various issues it had been decided to establish a World Championship in Mountain Bike Orienteering every second year from 2002 onwards. Mountain Bike Orienteering started in the late 1980's at club level in countries where Mountain Bike was a popular outdoor sport. In 1997 already 12 countries were running national championships and the number is rapidly growing.

#### Racquetball

The 2000 World Championships of the International Racquetball Federation (IRF) will take place in San Luis Potosi (MEX). In the year 2002 the World Championships will be held in Europe. During the biannual Congress of the IRB, held in conjunction with the 1998 World Championships in Cochabamba (COL), it was decided to create a World Seniors Doubles Championship. The first event will take place next year in Europe. During this year's World Championships the U.S.A. won for the ninth consecutive time the title with the Men's and Women's Team event.

With the Individuals the Canadian athletes Sherman Greenfield and Christie Van Hees finished first while the U.S. national champions Adam Karp and Bill Sell as well as Joy MacKenzie and Jackie Paraiso took the Doubles titles.



President Gen. Hugo Banzer Suarez presenting the Bolivian flag for the opening of the 1998 World Championships

#### Roller Skating

During the ordinary Congress of the Fédération Internationale de Roller Skating (FIRS) Isidro Oliveras from Spain was re-elected as President, on this position since 1990, and also Italian Roberto Marotta as Secretary General, both for a four year period. The general results of 1998 World Speed Roller Skating Championships, held in Pamplona (ESP) gave a first place for the Men and the Women of the U.S. with the Track event, followed by both Teams from Italy while the France Men and the Spain Women finished third. The Road competition was a general win for the Italy Men, with the U.S.A. and Colombia on second and third place. With the Women again a victory for the U.S.A., followed by Argentina and Italy. In 1999 the Speed World Championships will be held in November in Chile and in 2000 in Colombia. The 1999 Roller Hockey Men's A World Championships are to take place in Reus (ESP) and the Women's 2000 event is in Germany. Different from previous publications the 1999 World In-Line Roller Hockey Championships are organised in Switzerland and in the year 2000 in Argentina. The Artistic Skating World Championships of this year are from 2nd till 15th November in Bogota (COL), while from 25th October till 7th November 1999 in Australia and in October 2000 in Springfield, Massachusetts (U.S.A.)

#### Squash

The venue for this year's Men's World Open Championship of the World Squash Federation (WSF), already moved from Bombay to Bangalore, is shifted out of India because of the political and religious tension between India and Pakistan. The tournament will now be held in Doha, Qatar from 29th November to 5th December. Early September the largest Squash site on the net was re-launched by the Internet Squash Federation (ISF). The site, officially sanctioned by the WSF, can be found at <http://www.squash.org/>.

#### Tug of War

Due to the results at the 1998 World Championships of the Tug of War International Federation (TWIF), held in Rochester, Minnesota (USA), it looks as the following Men's team in the 680kg are provisionally qualified for the 2001 World Games: Sweden, Republic of Ireland, Netherlands, England, Switzerland and Spain. They finished as the top six. In other categories there were medals for M 560kg Spain, England, Wales, M 720kg Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland, M 640kg England, Republic of Ireland and Germany. With the Women medalists were the teams of Netherlands, Sweden and Spain in 520 kg category and for Netherlands, U.S.A. and Sweden in 560kg.

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