
WORLD GAMES NEWS

From the President



It is normal practice that at the end of the year one looks back at all what happened the last twelve months. Those who are more closely working with me, know that without ignoring the past I personally prefer to look ahead instead of behind. However, it must said that the year 1997 really was extremely important for the IWGA and the World Games. Not only because of the organisation of the fifth occasion of our quadrennial event in Lahti with, among others, very good (inter) national TV coverage by Finnish YLE and IMG's branch Trans World International. We were indeed pleased to have His Excellency Juan Antonio Samaranch open the World Games in Lahti and we are most grateful with the continued promotion of the World Games by the President of the IOC and his dedicated staff at Chateau de Vidy. At the recent annual meetings of GAISF in Duisburg, Mr Samaranch repeated his support for the World Games. This is also endorsed by the Honorary Founder President Dr Un Yong Kim, who noted that the IWGA is gaining more respect within the world of international sport. Talking about Duisburg, in that town we held also our Annual General Meeting at which we all mourned the recent passing away of the Netball Delegate and for years also Netball Technical Delegate at World Games, Mrs Pat Taylor. Elsewhere in this issue of World Games News she is memorised by Hon. Member Herman Valken. We also took a significant step towards our goal in promoting all sports by

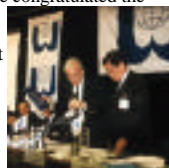
accepting five new Member Federations, e.g. Archery, Billiard Sports, Gymnastics, Handball and Rugby.

I take this opportunity to say a most sincere thank-you and goodbye to the parting members of the Executive Committee, Vice President Roger Tessman, Treasurer Ben Van Waeyenberghe and Member Dr Karl Heinz Kerll who did not stand for re-election but we wish to thank them for their contribution to the growth of the IWGA for the many years they all served. Both Roger Tessman and Karl Heinz Kerll, were proposed and unanimously accepted as Honorary Members of the IWGA by the General Meeting in Duisburg. From January 1st next year, the newly elected IWGA Executive Committee has three new Members - Harald Vervaecke from Life Saving and Ronald Hilfiker of Parachuting, as well as Lukas Hinder the Treasurer from Switzerland of the International Dance Sport Federation. This will be a very busy period for the new Executive who will have to focus on the 2001 World Games in Akita. It will be quite some challenge to compose a programme for a not only manageable, but also spectator and media attractive ten days of top level sports competitions. It will take a super human effort and a hard task to make the finest selection out of the extensive and varied opportunities of our total 33 Member Federations events and disciplines they have to offer. I can only assure you that we will try to make things even better for the promotion and future of World Games. I end my column by wishing all our readers of the World Games News a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy Prosperous 1998!

Ron Froehlich, President

FROM THE IWGA

Annual General Meeting Studio M of the Mercator Halle in Duisburg (GER) was fully packed on the afternoon of Friday 17th October for the 1997 Annual Meeting of the IWGA. All but one, Powerlifting, of the 27 active Member Federations were represented while the Organising Committee of the 1997 Lahti World Games as well as of the 2001 Akita World Games sent delegations. The Hon. Founder President Dr Un Yong Kim attended the beginning of the meeting. In his speech he congratulated the IWGA President and his Executive Committee with the success the Lahti Games brought on the road since the start in 1981. He underlined the now existing support in the world of international sport, most of all from the IOC, for the IWGA and made an appeal for unity to build the World Games as a great forum for sports.



Dr Kim to receive Lahti Result book.

President Ron Froehlich presented Dr Kim with a commemorative plaque of the 1997 Games and with a copy of the Result book.

New composition of Executive Committee

As Ron Froehlich and Lukas Hinder were the sole candidates for respectively the position of President and Treasurer, both were elected by acclamation. The outcome of the election for the post of Secretary General gave a re-election of Co Koren. Senior Vice President Bob de Die was also re-elected while Stoil Sotirov, Member of the Executive Committee during the last four years period, was re-elected too but now in the function of Vice President.

Out of four candidates Harald Vervaecke and Ronald Hilfiker were elected as Executive Committee Members.



As per 1st January, 1998 the Executive Committee will consist of

- President Ron Froehlich (Trampoline)
- Senior Vice President Bob de Die (Korfball)
- Vice President Stoil Sotirov (Sports Acrobatics)
- Secretary General Co Koren (Tug of War)
- Treasurer Lukas Hinder (Dance Sport)
- Member Dr Harald Vervaecke PhD (Life Saving)
- Ronald Hilfiker (Aeronautics)

New Hon. Members

With warm applause the Delegates welcomed the proposal of President Froehlich to appoint the departing Vice President Roger Tessman and Executive Member Dr Karl Heinz Kerll as IWGA Honorary Members.

Roger Tessman joined the IWGA Executive Committee in 1985, then being the President of the International Bowling Federation (FIQ) while in 1993 he was elected as Vice President.

Dr Karl Heinz Kerll also joined the Executive in 1985 nominated by the Fédération Internationale de Sauvetage Aquatique (FISA) which later became part of the current International Life Saving Federation. Since 1993 Dr Kerll was responsible for the Doping Control during World Games events.



Karl Heinz Kerll congratulated by Treasurer Ben Van Waeyenbergh .

Foundation of Medical Committee

The Executive Committee decided to establish a Medical Committee for all matters related to Doping Control. In the chair is Pierre Demier MD, Secretary General of the Confederation Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (CMAS). In daily life Pierre Demier functions as surgeon at a Brussels hospital.



Pierre Demier

New Member Federations

For the first time in the IWGA history a total of five Federations applied for membership.

Apart from Billiards (Pool, Snooker and Carambole) and Rugby (Seven-a-Side)



Federations applying for membership, from left to right: Billiards' President Sandman, Rugby Chairman Pugh, Archery Director Dielen, Gymnastics' Deputy Secretary General Gueisbuhler and Handball President Lanc.

also Archery, Gymnastics and Handball were accepted. These last three were accepted due to an alteration of the IWGA

Constitution, now also admitting Olympic Federations for sports or disciplines of sports not yet part of the programme of the Olympic Games. For Archery it concerns Field Archery, for Gymnastics Sport Aerobics as well as Rhythmic Sportive Gymnastics (only an Olympic sport with its All -Around discipline and the Groups) and for Handball concerning Beach Handball.



Secretary General Co Koren presenting IWGA flags.

However, being an IWGA Member Federation does not automatically guarantee inclusion in the World Games programme as that is depending on the availability of adequate sports facilities in the host city.

Date and venue 1998 Annual General Meeting

Next year's Annual Meeting of the IWGA will be held in Monte Carlo (MON), as usual in conjunction with the also annual GAISF Congress and General Assembly, scheduled for 14th - 17th October.

IWGA Headquarters

Following his recent re-election as Secretary General Co Koren decided to appoint Mrs Trukie Albarda as Assistant Secretary while she will continue to act as the IWGA Press Officer. The address of the IWGA Headquarters therefore now reads as follows:

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FROM THE FEDERATIONS

GAISF

Support for a project of the United States Sports Academy to help well-known athletes enter into new area of employment at the end of their sporting career and agreement with a proposal



from the International Sports Press Association (AIPS) to facilitate training seminars and/or special courses for journalists, these are two of the decisions made by the annual General Assembly of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).

At its 31st session, 16-19 October in Duisburg (GER), the International Federation of Sepaktakraw (ISTAF) was accepted as 89th Member. This sport, very popular in Asian countries, takes a team of three playing a woven ball with feet and head. The next GAISF Congress and General Assembly will be held in Monte Carlo (MON). Osaka (JPN) has been chosen as host city for the 1999 meetings.

ARISF

On invitation by the IOC President HE Juan Antonio Samaranch the Presidents of the 23 Member Federations of ARISF - the Association, chaired by Ron Froehlich, of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations which consists of sports designated as Olympic Sports by the IOC but



which are not yet on the programme of the Olympic Games - had a meeting in Lausanne to discuss a more close relationship with the IOC. One of the various items discussed was the use of Olympic Solidarity funding at

National Olympic Committee level to develop Recognised sports. A next meeting has been scheduled in conjunction with the meeting of the Association of the Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) to be held in Sydney (AUS) 7-30 April 1998.

Aeronautics

Next May the Council of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) will decide on the location and dates for the 2nd World Air Games, probably to be held in 2001. Bids for hosting have been submitted by Austria, Poland, Spain and the host of the 1st World Games last September Turkey. Speaking in Rio de Janeiro (ARG), the site of the FAI's 90th Annual General Conference, President Eilif Ness from Norway declared: "The World Air Games is no longer a dream - it is a reality". The first event had 3.000 participants coming from 60 countries.



Eilif Ness was unanimously re-elected as FAI President for a fourth term.

To mark the centenary of the world's very first National Aero Club, the Aero Club de France, the FAI declared 1998 to be the "Year of Aviation and Space".

Dance Sport

On the occasion of his 70th birthday the President of the International Dance Sport Federation (IDSF) Detlef Hegemann announced his retirement after more than 32 years. During this period Dance Sport, nowadays



followed by about nine million competitive amateur dancers in 67 countries over all five continents, was accepted as Member of GAISF and since September of this year also fully recognised as an Olympic Sports Federation. Till the next IDSF Annual Meeting, 14 June 1998 in Lausanne, Vice President Peter Pover from the United States will be in charge.

Ju-Jitsu

At the 1998 annual Congress, 25th April in Seville (ESP), the International Ju-Jitsu Federation (IJF) will change its name into Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF). The proposed modification, showing a less similar abbreviation as used by the International Judo Federation (IJF), will lead to full membership of GAISF.



Obituary Pat Taylor

Only a week before the Annual Meeting in Duisburg we heard that Mrs Pat Taylor, Delegate of the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA), had died. She had been nominated for being elected to the Executive Committee of the IWGA, and many of us had high hopes for her being an Exco Member in the next four years.



Pat Taylor was a sports administrator who started her career at grass roots level: the club. Through various positions on club and county level she advanced to the ranks of the national Netball organisation in the UK in 1969, retiring as their President in 1993. Being the English Delegate to the Council of the IFNA since 1975, she was elected Vice President in 1987 and President in 1991, which post she held until 1995. She was dedicated to her sport and in her activities on every level she considered what she could contribute more important than what she "got out of it". This applied to her work as an administrator as well as to her support of the players: she was the Manager of the English team in 1979, 1982 and 1985, and she was Netball's Technical Delegate at the World Games in London (1985), Karlsruhe (1989) and The Hague (1993). Had Netball participated in 1997 in Lahti, she might well have been a Technical Delegate again.

Pat was very much liked in the circuit of sports administrators. When she felt that a proposal or an opinion had to be contradicted, she did so in a charming way with a touch of humour, always attacking the proposal and never the person who submitted it. Her approach of the 'business of sports' was the down-to-earth approach of a housewife with a clear insight in the purposes and the costs of any action. Her character and her experience would have made her an excellent Member of the IWGA Executive Committee. The World Games Family suffered a great loss when she died.

Herman Valken, Hon. Member of the IWGA

Korfball

In conjunction with the European Championships Korfball, to be held in Estoril (POR) next April, a European Congress on the further development of Korfball will be organised. The primary issue to be discussed will be the special status of four European countries - Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain and Portugal - receiving extra financial and technical support from the International Korfball Federation (IKF). The countries mentioned are expected to challenge the World Champion - the Netherlands - at Korfball's Centennial Championships in 2003.



Powerlifting

At the recent Congress of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), November in Prague (CZE), the venues for the future World Championships had been confirmed.



Next year the Men's event will be held in Cherkasy (UKR) and the Women's in Mo i Rana (NOR). In 1999 the respective venues are Trento (ITA) and Hanstholm (DEN), while in the year 2000 the Men's World Championships will take place in Akita (JPN) and the Women's in Buenos Aires (ARG). In Ireland, Sweden and Yugoslavia Powerlifting will no longer be administered by the national Weightlifting Federations as in all three countries independent Powerlifting Federations are founded and are now accepted as new IPF Member Federations. USA Powerlifting was accepted as new Member for the United States instead of the United States Powerlifting Federation.

Roller Skating

At the Extraordinary Congress of the Fédération Internationale de Roller Skating (FIRS), held in Reus (ESP) on 18th October, one of the items discussed was the problems created by the withdrawal of Roller Hockey from the 1997 World Games Lahti. The Delegates agreed with President Isidro Oliveras the importance of the World Games and expressed the wish to participate in the next edition of the World Games.

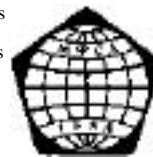


The proposals from Brazil for further popularisation of Roller Skating, by the stronger FIRS Federations to support the smaller ones, and the celebration of World Championships every two years alternating the four disciplines (Artistic, Hockey, In-Line Hockey and Speed) will be studied by the FIRS Central Committee and the National Federations.

In 1998 the FIRS Ordinary Congress, with elections, will take place in Pamplona (ESP) in conjunction with the World Speed Championships.

Sports Acrobatics

Early December the Agreement for Merger as per the year 2000 will be signed both by the International Federation of Sports Acrobatics (IFSA) and the Federation of International Gymnastics (FIG). At the IFSA General Meeting in Manchester last September the Delegates approved the proposal for this merger.



As from 1st January, 1998 some changes in the IFSA Technical Rules, Code of Points and Tables of Difficulty will come into force following the outcome of a Technical Congress, held also in Manchester last September.

The 1998 Sports Acrobatics World Championships will take place in Minsk (BLR) 26th-27th October.

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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 as from 1st January 1998 affiliated to the IWGA:

FAI (Aeronautics), FIA (Aikido), FITA (Archery), WCBS (Billiards Sports), IFBB (Body Building), FIQ (Bowling), ICF (Casting), IDSF (Dance Sport), IFV (Fistball), WFDF (Flying Disc), FIG (Gymnastics), IHF (Handball), IJF (Ju-Jitsu), FMK (Karate), IKF (Korfball), ILS (Life Saving), IFNA (Netball), IOF (Orienteering), FIPV (Pelota Vasca), IPF (Powerlifting), IRF (Racquetball), FIRS (Roller Skating), IRFB (Rugby), FIAS (Sombo), IFSA (Sports Acrobatics), CMSB (Sports Boules), WSF (Squash), CMAS (Subaquatics), ISA (Surfing), WTF (Taekwondo), FIT (Trampoline), TWIF (Tug of War), 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 THE FEDERATIONS (Cont..)

Squash

In the first three weeks of October 2001 the largest Squash event in history will take place in Melbourne (AUS) with the simultaneous staging of three World Championships: Women's World Open, Men's World Team Championships and World Masters Championships. This unique decision was taken by delegates at the 27th annual congress of the World Squash Federation (WSF) in Sun City (RSA) last October.

As part of the continuing commitment to safety for young players, the use of eye protectors will be mandatory for World Junior Championships from January 1999. The first time will be during the World Junior Women's Championships in Belgium in the same year.



Water Ski

During the 1997 World Congress of the International Water Ski Federation (IWSF) six new Member Federations were welcomed, bringing the total number of Member Federations to 80.

Andres Botero from Columbia was re-elected as President while Italian Graziano Tognala* became Secretary General succeeding Mrs Chantal Amade-Escot. The next two years the resigning President of the Region Europe, Africa and Middle East Aubrey Sheena (GBR) will act as Treasurer.

During the coming year the preparations are to be made for a new Constitution to be approved at the 1999 Congress and then to come into being in 2001. This next Congress will take place in Milan (ITA) in conjunction with the World Championships.

* In future the IWSF Secretariat will be located in Rome but till then Graziano Tognala can be reached at Via Altopiano 55/4, 40044 Pontecchio/Bologna.

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FROM LAHTI

Final report to 1997 AGM

Hosting the 1997 World Games was a good thing for the city of Lahti, so stated its Mayor Kari Salmi, also President of the Organising Committee, heading the presentation of the final report to the IWGA Annual General Meeting in Duisburg (GER) on 17th October, 1997. Some of the many new projects undertaken were the training programme for the youth, the environment programme, the use of the city area for social programmes and the new software for accreditation. Above all, the wide international and national TV coverage was, according to Kari Salmi, showed Lahti as a venue highly qualified for hosting big international sportive events.



Karl Salmi reporting

All IWGA Delegates were provided with a copy of the extensive and detailed Report about the arrangements for the

1997 World Games and with a Result book, both produced by the Lahti Organising Committee.

FROM AKITA

Presentation at 1997 AGM

At the 1997 Annual meeting of the IWGA a delegation of the Organising Committee for the 2001 Akita World Games, inaugurated on 3rd June and representing the Prefecture of Akita, the Mayors of the various cities in the region, the Japan World Games Association, various companies and many others, was present.



Kioyshi Kazawa assisted by Dr Yutaka Morohosi

After showing a video tape produced from the TV coverage made of the Lahti World Games and to be used for promotional purposes, the Director General of the Akita Prefecture's General Affairs Department Kioyshi Kazawa made a presentation.

The Director General of the Tokyo Bureau of the OC, Dr Yutaka Morohosi will act as contact person for international affairs. He can be reached at 4-15-5 Sendgaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151, Japan,

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Lahti's Mayor at that time did not refer to the fact that Lahti is included in the project of Finland and Norway to act as a joint host for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games. According to media reports in this planning Lahti could host the events of Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Biathlon, with other competitions divided between Helsinki and Lillehammer.

Medal Table

Following the positive outcome of the doping control Hungarian Body Builder Ivan Horvath has been suspended for a two year period and lost his bronze medal won in the Men's Over 90 kg category. His third place is now taken by Olegas Zuras from Lithuania.

The change of medals does not interfere much with the nation-wide medal table, e.g. Hungary remains on 19th place. Lithuania however now enters the list on 46th place and this gives the following order at the bottom: 47th New Zealand, 48th Philippines and Croatia remains 49th and last.

The Akita Bureau of the OC, with Chikada Sato as Director General, is located at 4F Tokan building, 3-1-7 Sanno, Akita-shi, Akita 010, Japan, tel +81 188 652002, fax +81 188 652001.

Visit of IWGA Delegation

A delegation of the IWGA Executive, e.g. President Ron Froehlich, Senior Vice President Bob de Die and Secretary General Co Koren will visit Akita from 13th till 15th December for provisional discussions about all kind of aspects of the organisation for the 6th World Games, 16th - 26th August 2001.

Meeting Co-ordination Group

In conjunction with the first meeting the newly elected IWGA Executive Committee the first formal meeting of the Co-ordination Group for the 2001 Akita World Games is scheduled in Akita for the last weekend of April 1998. This group will be composed of representatives of the IWGA Executive and of the Akita Organising Committee with the IWGA President in the chair. Most likely the provisional composition - depending on the existing sports facilities - of the programme for the Akita World Games will be decided during this April meeting.