



## WORLD GAMES NEWS

### From the President



In the first months of this last year of this era big steps forward had been made in the world of international sports. First there was the World Conference on Doping in Sport and recently the 108th Extraordinary Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Both meetings had gigantic media attention.

The World Conference on Doping in Sport did not immediately bring all the results that been hoped for. But the establishment of an independent Anti-Doping Agency is of course a good move in the right direction and so is the commitment from the IOC to allocate an initial capital of US\$ 25 million to the Agency.

I was extremely pleased to learn that the IOC Session issued an overwhelming vote of confidence for its President Juan Antonio Samaranch. I am sure that his experienced leadership will guide the IOC and all related organisations on a much stronger footing, all to benefit in particular the athletes.

A smaller step forwards but nevertheless also important is set for a more closer working relationship between the IOC and the International World Games Association (IWGA).

Especially Dr Rogge's experience as Chairman of both the Coordination Commissions for the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games will be of great value for the IWGA and its future events.

I am delighted to inform you that IOC Executive Committee Member Dr. Jacques Rogge accepted the position as observer of the IOC on the IWGA Executive Committee. By fully supporting this function the IOC President underlined once again his statement made at the opening of the World Games 1997 in Lahti that "the World Games are a part of the Olympic family".

The IOC Sports Director Gilbert Felli will also pay a visit to Akita in October when all the participating IWGA Member Federations, prior to the meetings of the General Association of Sports Federations (GAISF) and of the IWGA in Osaka, are invited by the Akita Organising Committee to have a personal look at all the facilities.

In the meantime our friends of the Organising Committee for the World Games 2001 in Akita are working very hard to refine and to finalize the programme for the ten sportive days in August. On 15th and 16th April I will, together with Senior Vice President Bob de Die, Secretary General Co Koren and Treasurer Lukas Hinder, be present at another meeting of the Co-ordination Group in Akita. Hopefully it will be possible to circulate more details about the programme and related matters soon afterwards.

**Ron Froehlich,  
President**

### FROM THE IWGA

#### New date for meeting Executive Committee

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the IWGA was scheduled to be combined with the meeting of the Co-ordination Group, in April in Akita. Due to circumstances this meeting has been cancelled and postponed till Friday, 25 June and will now be held near Brussels (BEL). It will be the first opportunity for the observer of the IOC on the Committee, Dr. Jacques Rogge, to formally meet the Executive Committee Members.



Dr. Jacques Rogge

#### Provisional Programme World Games 2001

As announced at the 1998 Annual General Meeting of the IWGA and also mentioned in the previous issue of World Games News the provisional list of sports in the competition programme for the World Games 2001 regards 24 of the in total 31 IWGA Member Federations.

These are FAI - Air Sports (Parachuting and if possible Hang Gliding), WCBS - Billiards (Carom, Pool and Snooker), IFBB - BodyBuilding, CMSB - Boules Sport (Boule Lyonnaise and Pétanque), FIQ - Bowling (Tenpin), ICF - Casting, IDSF - DanceSport, FITA - Archery (Field), CMAS - Fin Swimming, IFV - Fistball, WFDF - Flying Disc (Golf and Ultimate), FIG - Gymnastics (Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Acrobatics, Sports Aerobics, Trampoline and Tumbling), JJIF - Ju-Jitsu, FMK - Karate, IKF - Korfball, ILS - Life Saving (Pool and Beach), IFNA - Netball, IOF - Orienteering, IPF - Powerlifting, FIRS - Roller Skating (Artistic, Hockey, Speed), IRB - Rugby (Seven-a-side), WSF - Squash, TWIF - Tug of War (Men) and IWSF - Water Ski.

As at previous World Games the IAF - Aikido will be part of the Demonstration programme. The same may apply to the IHF for Beach Handball. For the FIPV - Pelota Vasca, IRF - Racquetball, ISA - Surfing there are no existing facilities in Akita and in the Akita Prefecture. The WTF - Taekwondo has not been included as the sport is part of the programme of the Olympic Games 2000 in Sydney. The FIAS - Sombo was not included as only last October the Federation was re-installed as GAISF and IWGA Member Federation.

All participating Federations have been notified 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.

### FROM AKITA

#### Meeting Co-ordination Group

On 15th and 16th April the Co-ordination Group for the World Games 2001 will meet again. The IWGA will be represented



Attention for World Games 2001 at Akita Airport

Osaka (JPN).

#### TD meeting



Seminar of the occasion of 999 days to go

#### 900 Days to go

On 28th February it was only 900 days to go before on Thursday 16th August the Opening Ceremony of the World Games 2001 will be held in Akita. To mark that moment an attention attracting construction was installed at Akita Airport.

A similar celebration took place when it was still 999 days to go. This time a kind of monument was exposed at the central passage of Akita Railway Station with among others the Governor of the Akita Prefecture and the Mayor of Akita City present. On the same occasion a symposium was held with Japanese Olympic medallists discussing various aspects of sports.



by President Ron Froehlich, Senior Vice-President Bob de Die, Secretary General Co Koren and Treasurer Lukas Hinder. On the Agenda, among other items, the finalising of the programme. The next meeting of the Group is planned for October prior to the Annual General Meeting of the IWGA scheduled for 14th October in

A second meeting of the Akita Organising Committee and the Technical Delegates appointed by the International Federations was held in Tokyo on 21st of January. Most of the TD's attended the meeting while absent officials were represented by administrators from National Federations.



Attention for World Games 2001 at Akita Railway Station

#### Promotion

To promote the World Games 2001 the Akita Organising



The AOC's website

Committee (AOC) publish a newsletter four times a year. The magazine will be distributed to a variety of organisations within the Akita Prefecture. On the world-wide web a site has been launched, to be reached at: [www.wg2001.or.jp](http://www.wg2001.or.jp)

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### From Organisations

#### IOC

The 108th Extraordinary Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) expelled six members for inappropriate action involving the Salt Lake City Bid. Earlier already three members resigned in relation to the same issue. Furthermore the Session approved the establishment of the IOC 2000 Commission and Ethics Commission and a new selection process for the host city of the Olympic Winter Games 2006. The Lausanne Declaration in Doping & Sport was accepted as an IOC anti-doping policy. At the forthcoming IOC Session, in June in Seoul (KOR), the host city for the Games 2006 will be selected.



#### ARISF

At the annual meeting the Association of the IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), on 18 March in Lausanne new Statutes had been approved. One of the amendments was the extension of the current Board composed of President Ron Froehlich (former Trampoline), Vice President Susie Simcock (Squash) and General Secretary/Treasurer Han van der Heijden (Racquetball). Consequently three Directors were elected, i.e. Sue Harvey (Orienteering), Gerald L. Koenig (Bowling) and Dr Harald Vervaecke PhD (Life Saving) for a two years period.



#### GAISF

The first Spirit of Sport Awards of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) scheduled for the 8th April has been postponed to a later date in the year to assure a better preparation.



Also all meetings being planned during this event have also been deferred. The GAISF Council meeting will now take place on 18 May. The Sponsoring Symposium is yet to be fixed.

### FROM FEDERATIONS

#### Aikido

The President of the International Aikido Federation (IAF) Kisshomaru Ueshiba passed away on 4th January, at the age of 77. In accordance with the IAF Statutes Moriteru Ueshiba had been inaugurated as the third Doshu of Aikido.



Kisshomaru Ueshiba

#### Air Sports

The Parachuting Committee of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) has published its 1999 Competition Rules ([www.fai.org/parachuting/documents](http://www.fai.org/parachuting/documents)). The second World Championships Freestyle Skydiving and Skysurfing will be held in Corowa (AUS) from 20 till 30 October 1999.



#### Billiards

At its recent General Assembly the World Confederation of Billiard Sports not only elected Sindhu Pulsirivong from Thailand as President but also a new Secretary General, Jean Graus from The Netherlands, and former President Jurgen Sandman as Treasurer. The official address for the WCBS is now Jean Graus, Meidoorn 133, 6226 WH Maastricht, telephone +31 43 3636011 or 3626380 and fax +31 43 3627095.



#### Boules Sport

During the 1999 Congress of the Confédération Mondiale Sports Boules (CMSB) the French name of the organisation was slightly modified, so it is now Confédération Mondiale des Sports de Boules. The next World Boules Lyonnaises Championships will take place in Lyon (FRA) from 16 to 21 November 1999.



#### Bowling



Roger Tessman

Former President of the Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs (FIQ) Roger Tessman was honoured by the Bowling Writers Association of America with the BWAA John O. Martino Award for his long career of distinguished service to bowling on both the national and international level. Tessman joined the staff of the American Bowling Congress in 1960 and became Executive



Director in 1982. Retiring seven years later he continued his Presidency, since 1984, of the FIQ until his retirement in 1995. Roger Tessman was a Member of the IWGA Executive Committee from 1985 till 1997.

#### Casting

The International Casting Federation (ICF) will hold its 1999 General Assembly in the town of Opatije, Croatia, on Friday, 30 April. Apart from other issues on the Agenda elections will be held for the position of President, Secretary General and for three of in total five Board Members.



#### DanceSport

The President of the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) Rudolf P. Baumann paid a visit in March to IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch. At the meeting, also attended by the IOC Sports Director Gilbert Felli, Mr Baumann discussed a possible inclusion of DanceSport in the Olympic programme. According to an IDSF Press Release "the acceptance for IDSF DanceSport to be included in the Games 2008 seems to be reality." The IDSF published the Regulations for World Ranking Competitions, effective from 1 February 1999. At the next IDSF General Assembly on 22n May in Bratislava (SVK) the amateur status will definitely be deleted. Negotiations will start with the professional organisations World Dance and Dance Sport Council.



#### Fistball

The 10th Men's World Championships of the International Fistball Association (IFV), 25 - 29 August 1999, will be held at four venues in Switzerland with the final match in Olten. Participation teams come from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany (1st at 1998 World Championships), Italy, Japan, Namibia, Switzerland and the United States. The top five ranked teams are qualified to participate in the Akita World Games 2001, while the Japanese team is automatically qualified as organising country. Prior to the start of the World Championships the IFV will have its quadrennial general meeting in Olten, 24th August.



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### Gymnastics

Early April the already announced merger of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) with the International Federation of Sports Acrobatics (IFSA) will be formalised. The President of the new FIG Sports Acrobatics Commission is Yuri Stepchenkov (UKR). He will fulfil that role until 31 December 2000. During the same period the former IFSA President Stoil Sotirov will be a member of the FIG Executive Committee while Yuri Stepchenkov will also have that same position, however without the right to vote. In principle agreement has been reached with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) permitting the television broadcasting of World Championships for FIG disciplines in the period 1999-2004.



### Ju-Jitsu

The Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) is to have their annual Congress and General Assembly - from 23 - 25 April - in Jerusalem and not as originally planned in Netanya, Israel. During the meeting elections are to be held for the position of President, second Vice President and Treasurer. This year's JJIF Summercamp will take place in 11-17 July, on the Greek island of Corfu.



### Karate

Early January the President of the World Karate Federation (WKF) Antonio Espinós and Secretary General George Yerolimpos had a meeting in Athens with Nikos Filaretos, IOC Member and President of the International Olympic Academy while also the President and the Managing Director of the 2004 Olympic Games Organising Committee were present. Subject of the discussion was the candidature of Karate for inclusion in the 2004 Games. George Yerolimpos has been appointed as one of the Sports Managers of the Athens Organising Committee. When the founder of the WKF Jacques Delcourt, after 28 years of presidency and involved in Karate since 1961, decided not to go for re-election at the 1998 congress in Brazil, he was nominated the first Honorary President and became automatically life member of the Directing Committee. Mr Delcourt is continuing as member of the Executive Committee and as chairman of the Disciplinary and Legal Affairs Committee.



### Korfball



The International Korfball Federation (IKF) recently launched a new full colour brochure which, according to the intro, 'will give a glimpse of what korfball - the only team sport anywhere in the world that is played by men and women in the same team - has to offer'. Copies to be obtained from the IKF Secretariat, PO Box 1000, 3980 Da Bunnik, The Netherlands, phone +31 30 6566354, fax +31 30 6570468,

e-mail [ikf\\_office@ikf.org](mailto:ikf_office@ikf.org).

### Netball

This year's Council Meeting, 17 - 20 September in Christchurch (NZL) of the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA) is to accept a proposal for a new structure. It is envisaged that the proposed will place a high value on open communication, commitment to the IFNA and accountability for actions and results. Due to financial constraints Namibia has to withdraw from the 1999 World Championships Netball, to be held in Christchurch 21 September - 2 October. Botswana, who had originally entered the competition but had subsequently suffered from communication problems resulting in their entry being deleted, has taken their place.



### Orienteering

The Foot Orienteering Committee of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) confirmed the composition of the World Cup 2000 programme. There will be four rounds in all, with the start in Japan and Australia in mid-April and with the finals in Portugal in October. An ultra short distance race will be included in the series for the first time while the total number of event days in the programme has been reduced and additionally also the number of qualification races.

The marketing and events sponsoring manager of the Swedish Orienteering Federation Knut Nord has been appointed by the IOF to further improve the quality of major IOF events, particularly in the field of media and sponsorship.



### Roller Skating

During the 1999 World Artistic Roller Skating Championships of the Fédération Internationale de Roller Skating (FIRS) Precision Team Skating will be demonstrated. The Championships will take place on the Gold Coast in Australia, 31 October - 7 November. The next World Roller Hockey Championships (Pool A) will be held in Reus (ESP), 4 - 12 June 1999. This year's World Roller Inline Hockey Championships are to take place in Thun (SUI), 20 - 26 June. The FIRS headquarters have been moved within Barcelona, even within the same street. The new address is Rambla Catalunya 121, piso 6, puerta 7, 8008 Barcelona, Spain. The new numbers are for telephone +34 93 2377055/2379885 and for fax +34 93 2372733. The e-mail address remains the same: [firs@idgup.iber.net](mailto:firs@idgup.iber.net).



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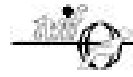
### Rugby

The Pacific Rim Championships of the International Rugby Board (IRB) are to start on May 1 in Tokyo (JPN). The 15-match round-robin program for the teams from Canada, Fiji, Japan, Samoa, Tonga and the United States will finish on 3 July with the matches Fiji vs Samoa and Tonga vs Canada. All participating nations are ranked among the worlds top 16 and five have already booked passage to the 1999 World Cup.



### Tug of War

At the 5th World Indoor Championships of the Tug of War International Federation (TWIF), in Carlow (IRE) in February, Spain won six of the in total 21 medals: Gold with the Men 600 kg,



Silver with the Men 560 and Women 520 kg and Bronze with the Women 480, Men 680 and Men 640 kg. For the first time ever Japan took home Gold with the Women 480 kg and Bronze with the Women 520 kg. Also Scotland reached Gold medals for the first time, Men 640 kg. Thirteen countries, coming from four continents, participated in seven weight classes with 56 teams. The next World Indoor Championships will take place in The



Japanese Women team (520 kg)

### Squash

In conjunction with the 2nd World Cup of the World Squash Federation (WSF), to be held 12th - 14th August in 's-Hertogenbosch (NED), a World Squash Marketing Conference is being planned.



Netherlands,  
26 - 27 February 2000.

The annual TWIF Congress, this time with elections for the position of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Treasurer, will be held on 24 April in Swakopmund, Namibia.

### Taekwondo

The 38th International Referee Seminar of the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) will be held in conjunction with the 14th World Taekwondo Championships in Edmonton (CAN), 2 - 6 June 1999. Un Sik Lee was appointed WTF Public Information Director. Previously he had the same position with the Korea Sports Council.



### Water Ski

During this year's Congress the International Water Ski Federation (IWSF), Thursday, 16 September in Milan (ITA), a change of the Statutes will be on the agenda. The IWSF have studied a joint organisation of events with the International Powerboating Union (IUM). The first event was held last December in the United Arab Emirates.



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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), ICF (Casting), IDSF (DanceSport), IFV (Fistball), WDF (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 Skating), IRB (Rugby), FIAS (Sombo), WSF (Squash), ISA (Surfing), WTF (Taekwondo), TWIF (Tug of War), CMAS (Underwater), IWSF (Water Ski).

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