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# "Rendez-Vous" WITH THE PRESIDENT

Another civil year comes to an end; it is usual to look back on the year that has just passed by. We can all agree that 2016 has been an exceptional year, we welcomed 5 new member countries, among which Madagascar is introduced page 10. New statutes, more adapted to the situation of an international federation, are now enforced. A unanimous approval from all the ISF members of the VISION2030 gives us the wings to fly higher and accurate our projects in 2017. Also, we have been gaining more visibility with a record on social networks, as a matter of fact 1 billion people have been reached through press, radio TV during the Euro School Foot. The efforts made paid off and we are proud of the countries who have been trusting the potential of ISF. We have given more possibilities for the continent to develop further in this issue. We have given to youngsters more responsibility through volunteering in sport events, our young ambassador contests and the creation of the Youth Council.

The Youth council will be an important stepping-stone for the future of ISF. So is it for youngsters who started their professional career at the ISF. Just like Ekaterini Stefanidi (Gold medalist of pole vault at Rio2016) who honorably accepted to share with us her feedbacks and how she experienced her debuts at Gymnasiade 2006.

We want to do more for the youngsters and 2017 will give even more room for them through different contests and projects. In the meantime, you can consult our calendar for next year and the countries participating, I am sure, we are going to reach a new record with livestreaming available at all World Schools Championships.

Before meeting up with you at diverse occasions, I wish you all my best greetings for the end of this year.

**Laurent Petrynka**



France 



UNSS is organising a flashmob to win tickets to attend the national final of Handball. This contest is only dedicated to school sports association in link with their PE teachers.

Brazil 



Mid October, the parliament of Brazil gave a tribute to the representatives of CDBE and athletes who participated in Gymnasiade for their merits and efforts towards the promotion and practice of school sport.

Serbia 



School sport Serbia is now active on Instagram. Follow them @skolskisportsrbije

Hungary 



Thanks to the fruitful cooperation between Poli-Farbe Chemicals Ltd., the Hungarian Olympic Committee and Hungarian School Sport Federation three school's gymnasium were renewed from more than two million Hungarian forints for the beginning of this school year. In the frame of "Our School's Champion" program the renewed sport facilities have been named after prominent Olympic athletes, who themselves were once students of the institutions. From 2016 Vörösmarty Mihály High School's sport hall in Budapest will bear the name of the Olympic silver and bronze medalist, European and World champion swimmer László Cseh. The Csik Ferenc Elementary and High School's gymnasium in Budapest was named after Olympic champion swimmer Éva Risztov and in Devecser Gárdonyi Géza Primary school's sports hall is named after a town native, shot put Olympic athlete József Darányi who represented Hungary in the 1932 and 1936 Summer Olympics.

French Polynesia 



A day dedicated to a theoretical and practical clinic for football young referees. The next one is schedule in February 2017.

Qatar 



The draw for the national school sport football tournament occurred mid-October. The tournament will take place in November.

Algeria 



Amongst 30 country, Algeria took part in Football Danone Cup. A chance for 12 young Algerian players given and rewarded by the Algerian School Sport Federation.

Portugal 



A range of workshops are being proceeded based on different topics and sport practices to launch new projects within Portuguese schools.

An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets.

**He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head.**

Emil Zatopek



## European Week of Sport

**28** countries

**8 490** events

**+ 2 000 000** participants

**7 national school sport entities** involved:

France, Hungary, Latvia, Slovenia, Estonia, Sweden and Greece

## V2S - Volunteering for School Sport Collaborative Partnership - Erasmus+ Sport

V2S selected among more than **300 projects**

**3 partner organisations:**

ISF (Coordinator), Sport & Citizenship, Hope for Children

**6 partner national school sport entities:**

Croatia, France, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Turkey

**18 months** of activities for volunteers in school sport

**24 young volunteers** involved in the project

**1 European ISF event:** European Schools Championship Badminton 2017, Clermont Ferrand, France

**1 common objective:** empower young volunteers in school sport

## Volunteering in School Sport (V2S)

The European Union has identified Education, Training and Employment as priorities in its agenda. Project ideas targeting young people to inject sustainable changes are therefore encouraged, tackling issues such as of youth unemployment and social exclusion among others.



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Indeed, the New Skills Agenda for Europe approved by the European Commission underlines the importance of a full access to training and relevant formation for European citizens. However, Education should not only be understood as the pedagogical methods developed in the school framework; Education continues outside the classroom. A lot of competences can arise from non-formal education activities such as volunteering, and later be transferred into the young people's professional skills, thus participating to the construction of their professional career as well as their identity-building process.

It is undeniable that volunteering within grassroots practices, especially in the field of sport, can contribute to skills development of young people across Europe, and around the world. ISF truly plays a significant role since its sport events constitute platforms of learning for young athletes and volunteers. ISF activities do not limit to sport competitions. Having young people from all over the world learning from each other through sport activities beside the competitions is a great opportunity to tackle issues threatening the integrity of sport such as doping, violence, intolerance and discrimination. By leading an Erasmus+ project called "Volunteering With School Sport" (V2S), ISF wants to encourage youth engagement by empowering more young volunteers in its school sport events. The project also reinforces ISF commitment to include innovative education tools and methodologies to raise awareness on societal issues such as social inclusion and gender

equality, and to use education through sport to improve tomorrow's world.

The V2S will last from January 2017 to March 2018. ISF will lead this ambitious European programme, which goals are to involve and empower more young volunteers in school sport organisations. ISF truly believes that volunteers form the engine of sport events, thus deserve to be valorised. The responsibilities they take and the challenges they have to face constitute skills valuable on the job market, and not only in the field of sport. Six European school sport organisations agreed to take part in the project: national school sport federations from Croatia, France, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, and Turkey. Each of them will select four young people that will together form a pool of 24 Young Volunteers. The project was constructed following three phases, each happening in a different member country.

- The first one aims at raising awareness among the Young Volunteers on the personal and collective benefits of taking part in voluntary activities. During five days, they will also be taught how to raise awareness among their peers using "Education Through Sport" methods with the help and expertise of Hope For Children Hungary, another project partner.
- They will then be offered the space to implement their new skills during the European Schools Sport Badminton Championship, happening in Clermont-Ferrand (France) from June 16th till 21st, 2017. This European sport

event is a great opportunity for young people to learn with and from each other through various activities such as workshops. The European think tank Sport and Citizenship will also be present to share its expertise on the subject with a conference on "Professional skills developed through sport and volunteering in sport" accessible to all the European Schools Sport Badminton Championship participants.

- Since learning never comes without some brainstorming and analysis, the Young Volunteers will gather again in Clermont-Ferrand and talk about further project ideas to be improved, developed and implemented within their own national school sport framework.

Throughout the V2S projects, European school sport bodies will share good practices and reflect upon their own organisation's structure and governance to start thinking about how to give more space to the youth. The 24 V2S Young Volunteers will indeed be given the opportunity to raise awareness among their peers by participating in several national events all along the project period. These experiences will enable the Young Volunteers and their peers, to reflect upon the issues addressed in a more theoretical way through formal education methods. It may help them shape their future choices regarding their studies and careers.

ISF is looking forwards to seeing a new generation of citizens emerged from its school sport events, and is actively participating, through this Erasmus+ project, to empower them and to valorise a more active youth participation within the national and international school sport frameworks. The V2S project will prove once again that non-formal education and grassroots practice can tackle major social issues using sport as a very powerful tool to change and educate.

## A member country honoured Madagascar

Madagascar is a 587.000 km<sup>2</sup> located in the Indian Ocean, 400km away from the African coastline. It has a population of about 20.660.000, 55% of which in school age (3 to 20 years old). The country is divided into:

- 22 regions
- 166 districts
- 1.548 Communes
- 16.968 Quartiers

The Government of Madagascar respects the UN General Assembly resolution titled "Sport as a Means to Promote Education, Health, Development and Peace".

Every year, the Ministerial Department in charge of Education organises sport championships (athletics, football, handball, basketball and volleyball) for different age categories: 12-14yo (Benjamins), 14-16yo (Minimes), 16-18yo (Cadets), 18-20yo (Juniors).

These contests are organised on the national territory with educational and social goals. Participation of schools and school athletes has been particularly relevant both at the district level and at the regional level. National competitions are then organised in a single location. It was ascertained that all the young athletes are proud to represent their local district or their region; however, the results achieved were less than convincing.

In this framework, the Fédération Omnisport Scolaire de Madagascar (FOSM, Madagascar School Sport Federation) was founded keeping in mind the beneficial effects that school sport can have on youth. The FOSM is well adapted to international standards as well as to the needs of the Malagasy population.

The Federation, at the present day, is presided by Mr. Njaka Tsirofo Rasoloarison, assisted by Secretary General Mr. Jean Claude, by an administrative and financial officer and other counselling members.



At the moment, School Sport in Madagascar needs to face the following challenges:

- the update of school textbooks
- the writing of new statutes
- the renewal of the National Policy on School Sport
- the choice and update of sport disciplines
- the creation of a cooperation with National Sport Federations
- the restructuring of the organisation of competitions between sport associations
- improving average performances and results

All the challenges mentioned above will need to be addressed in order to give School Sport a more prominent role within the Malagasy sport movement, which is nowadays mainly centred on Sport clubs and non-school athletes.



*Kinder+Sport is a global and responsible project developed by the Ferrero Group, aimed at supporting physical activity among young generations.*



The programme stems from the knowledge that an active lifestyle is an essential part of a positive daily routine for children, teens and families. The goal of Kinder+Sport is to increase levels of physical activity among young generations around the world, giving them the possibility to develop a skill-set able to help them acquire proper behaviors and social and ethical attitudes.

We strongly set education at the core of our project, to help children grow up with the most worthy values of sport and life such as honesty, friendship, unity and trust in others.

## In the eye of the young generation ISF Youth Council

**A call for application ended end of September to select the next Chair, Vice-Chair and 7 members for the new ISF Youth Council. The search for appropriate candidates has begun and we appealed to all members of the International School Sport Federation to encourage and support young people (gender balance and aged by 18 up to 35 years old).**



The objective of the Youth Council is giving more room to a younger representation within the decision-making process. This results from the will of the ISF members to strive for more inclusion. A need that the Youth Council has the task to gap. They will focus on all policy areas the ISF has been discussing about and an operation side through the development of long-lasting and multiple effects that will be at the center of their attention. Interaction, Inclusion and Innovation are the 3-Is they will focus on while supporting the local organi-

zing committee of any ISF upcoming events.

Their multiple backgrounds and different origins shall aim at gathering a solid expertise to tackle current issues and ameliorate the image and development of the ISF.

The chair of the youth council will sit in the Executive Committee and will work in close collaboration with the Education Committee, led by the executive member Henri Ausmaa (EST).

The next executive Committee will evaluate the candidatures with the opinion of an external auditor, expert in the Youth and Education field, Nevena Vukasinovic, Secretary General at ENGSO Youth and by the beginning of 2017, the Youth Council shall be fully operational.

To follow the youth council #ISFyouthcouncil and exchange any suggestions or thought with them at [youthcouncil@isfsports.org](mailto:youthcouncil@isfsports.org)

## Interview with an Olympic champion Ekateríni Stefanídi



### Athlete's profile

**Name:** Katerina  
**Surname:** Stefanidi  
**Nationality:** Greek  
**Age:** 26  
**Sport:** Athletics, Pole Vault

#### Medal Record:

- Olympic Games: Gold Medal, Rio 2016
- World Indoor Championships: Bronze Medal, Portland 2016
- European Championships: Gold Medal, Amsterdam 2016; Silver Medal, Zurich 2014
- European Indoor Championships: Silver Medal, Prague 2015
- World Junior Championships: Bronze Medal, Bydgoszcz 2008
- World Youth Championships: Gold Medal, Marrakesh 2005; Silver Medal, Ostrava 2007
- Universiade: Bronze Medal, Shenzhen 2011
- Gymnasiade: Gold Medal, Greece 2006

**Hello Katerina, first of all we would like to congratulate you for the amazing results you achieved this season: European Champion in Amsterdam and Gold Medal at the Olympic Games in Rio! Can you describe to us this incredible season and the emotions you experienced throughout your successes?**

This season has been one for the books. I made many big changes including moving to a different city and training with my husband as a coach. We focused on very different things than I had the last few years and it seems to have been the right decision. Coming in to the indoor season we knew I was ready for a big jump that came at the right time just before Indoor World Championships. I started the outdoor season a little more confident and with more trust to the training and technique work and I think that mattered the most. I did not change anything from the indoor to the outdoor season but I was jumping consistently higher. It has been an unbelievable season with a lot of stress leading up to big championships and a lot of happiness and relief afterwards. However, now, almost two months after the Olympics I realise that none of the success I had this summer will change anything we do in our daily life or the decisions we will make in terms of training and competing for next year.

**Going back to your early career, one of your first important international achievements was the gold medal at the Gymnasiade 2006 in your own country, Greece. What do you remember of that event?**

I honestly do not remember very much. For Greek athletes, the Gymnasiade is quite a stressful event because if you finish in the top 8 you can choose whichever University you want regardless of your results in the Greek National exams. Going in I remember everyone telling me to try to make one bar (one bar would have put me in the top 8) but I was telling myself that I needed to win. I think that when you hope to reach top 8 you get 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are trying to win you might get 2<sup>nd</sup>, you might get 3<sup>rd</sup>, but you will not be 9<sup>th</sup>.

I remember the conditions were very difficult with a lot of wind and cold and the height did not go very high. But I was likely able to come out with the win and one my best friends at the time also won her event (hammer throw). I remember the atmosphere in the hotel being a lot of fun with young athletes from all over the world.

**What are, in your opinion, the values that school sport can transmit to young athletes?**

The Greek Philosopher Thales said «τίς εὐδαίμων, «ὁ τὸ μὲν σῶμα ὑγίης, τὴν δὲ ψυχὴν εὖπορος, τὴν δὲ φύσιν εὐπαιδευτος», He believed that a happy man was one who was «healthy in body, resourceful in soul and of a readily teachable nature». There is a great connection between the functioning of the body and the mind that was first talked about by the ancient Greeks and science has recently started to find evidence to prove this connection. School sports support the importance of bettering the body together with the mind. Additionally, through school sports, young athletes can learn leadership, teamwork, respect and goal setting, all of which are invaluable life lessons that they will use no matter on whether they decide to continue as professional athletes or not.

**What advice can you give to young athletes who participate in school sport?**

I believe that school sports are a great way for young athletes to try many different sports and find out what they love and what they are good at. However, I think that it is quite important to start specialising in one sport (and many times one event) from a young age. I believe that part of my success is the fact that I have pole vaulted since I was 10 years old. Athletes begin to develop habits that are very difficult to change after teenagerhood so I encourage young athletes to start specialising in a sport young and try to make the changes their coaches are asking them early, because the older you get the harder it is to change what your body has gotten used to doing.

## Miscellaneous

# Registration of countries to ISF Events 2017

Here is a glimpse of the countries which registered per event:

### Tennis (14)



Chinese Taipei, Chile, Italy, Australia, Scotland, New Zealand, Germany, Belgium FL, China PR, England, France, Turkey, Belgium DG, Brazil, Belgium FC.

### Educational Games (9)



Slovakia, China PR, England, Bulgaria, Estonia, Cyprus, Brazil, Georgia, Italy.

### Cricket (4)



United Arab Emirates, China PR, France, India.

### Swimming (14)



Chinese Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Slovakia, Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium FL, Hungary, China PR, England, Turkey, Israel, Brazil, Croatia, Morocco.

### Orienteering (21)



Slovakia, Latvia, Italy, Serbia, Belgium FL, New Zealand, Belgium FC, Hungary, China PR, England, Spain, France, Turkey, Estonia, Poland, Austria, Slovenia, Belgium DG, Israel, Sweden, Czech Republic.

### Basketball (30)



Chinese Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Ireland, Chile, Slovakia, Latvia, Serbia, Luxembourg, Greece, Germany, Croatia, Hungary, Netherlands, Finland, China PR, Kosovo, England, Bulgaria, France, Turkey, Estonia, Austria, Slovenia, Cyprus, Israel, Brazil, Belgium FC, Czech Republic, Denmark, Georgia.

### Football (25)



Armenia, Chinese Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Chile, Slovakia, Guatemala, Luxembourg, Greece, New Zealand, Germany, Croatia, Hungary, Finland, China PR, England, Bulgaria, France, Turkey, Austria, Slovenia, Brazil, Belgium FC, Czech Republic, Denmark, Qatar.

### Beach Volleyball (14)



Chile, Latvia, USA, Germany, China PR, France, Poland, Slovenia, Israel, French Polynesia, Brazil, Vanuatu, Serbia, Italy.

### Triathlon (9)



Chinese Taipei, Chile, Guatemala, Germany, China PR, England, France, Brazil, Hungary.

### Euro Badminton (11)



Slovakia, Latvia, Germany, Bulgaria, France, Turkey, Cyprus, Sweden, Georgia, Italy, Croatia.

### Athletics (24)



Chinese Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Chile, Slovakia, Latvia, Italy, Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium FL, Croatia, China PR, England, Spain, Bulgaria, France, Turkey, Estonia, Austria, Morocco, Cyprus, Israel, Brazil, Belgium FC, Czech Republic.

### Combat Games (6)



China, Brazil, Guatemala, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Georgia.



2016			
<b>2. Executive Committee</b>	<b>10.12-14.12</b>	Mumbai	India
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
<b>Cricket</b>	<b>Postponed 2017</b>	Mumbai	India

2017			
<b>1. Executive Committee</b>	<b>24.05-29.05</b>	Papeete	French Polynesia
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>12.03-19.03</b>	Recife	Brazil
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>20.04-25.04</b>	Budapest	Hungary
<b>Orienteering</b>	<b>22.04-28.04</b>	Palermo	Italy
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>29.04-07.05</b>	Poreč	Croatia
<b>Football</b>	<b>21.05-29.05</b>	Prague	Czech Republic
<b>Athletics - Memorial Jean Humbert</b>	<b>24.06-30.06</b>	Nancy	France
<b>2. Executive Committee</b>	<b>2nd semester</b>	Sardinia	Italy
<b>TC Seminar/Convention</b>	<b>2nd semester</b>	Sardinia	Italy
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
<b>4th Educational Games</b>	<b>31.03-05.04</b>	Athens	Greece
<b>Cricket</b>	<b>02.04-11.04</b>	Mumbai	India
<b>Beach Volleyball</b>	<b>27.05-03.06</b>	Papeete	French Polynesia
<b>Euro Schools Badminton</b>	<b>16.06-21.06</b>	Clermont-Ferrand	France
<b>3rd Pan-American School Games</b>	<b>06.06-13.06</b>	Aracaju	Brazil
<b>Triathlon</b>	<b>07.06-12.06</b>	Aracaju	Brazil
<b>Combat Games</b>	<b>07.07-15.07</b>	New Delhi	India



2018			
1. Executive Committee	26.04-01.05	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
General Assembly	27.04-30.04	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
Badminton	(.....)	Pune	India
Cross-Country	02.04-07.04	Paris	France
Futsal	13.03-21.03	Ramat Gan	Israël
Handball	March	Doha	Qatar
Winter Gymnasiade	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Table Tennis	(.....)	(.....)	Malta
Volleyball	02.06-10.06	Brno	Czech Republic
Gymnasiade	15.05-22.05	Rabat	Morocco
2. Executive Committee	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester)	(Moscow)	(Russia)
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
Basketball 3x3	(May/June)	Belgrade	Serbia
3rd Pan-American School Games	(July)	Póvoa de Varzim	Portugal

2019			
1. Executive Committee	1st semester	(.....)	(.....)
Athletics - Memorial Jean Humbert	(May) (May) (June)	(Split) (Cascavel) (Samorin-Cilistov)	(Croatia) (Brazil) (Sloviakia)
Basketball	(16.03-24.03) (May/June) (.....) (.....)	(Riga) (Belgrade) (Rajnandgaon) (Chania & Heraklion)	(Latvia) (Serbia) (India) (Greece)
Football	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Orienteering	(May/June) (May) (May)	(Novi Sad) (Otepää) (Ardèche)	(Serbia) (Estonia) (France)
Swimming	(May)	(Rio do Janeiro)	(Brazil)
Tennis	(May/June)	(Humacao)	(Puerto Rico)
2. Executive Committee	2nd semester	(.....)	(.....)
TC Seminar/Convention	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
Triathlon	(June)	(Carcassonne)	(France)
Combat Games	(Late spring)	(Budapest)	(Hungary)
Beach Volleyball	(June/July) (June)	(Jurmala) (Sicily/Sardinia)	(Latvia) (Italy)

2020			
Gymnasiade	(late spring/summer) (.....) (.....) (August)	(Budapest) (Pune) (.....) (.....)	(Hungary) (India) (China) (Chinese Taipei)

2022			
Gymnasiade	(May/June) (.....) (August)	(Mellieha Bay) (.....) (.....)	(Malta) (China) (Chinese Taipei)

Remark: between brackets = application / not yet decided/confirmed



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