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THE PRESIDENT'S Rendezvous



The year 2015 comes to an end, and I cannot help commenting on the recent tragic events that have hit our young generation. When our young generation is the target of terrorist acts, they are targeted strategically to make sure that fear and hatred will have long-term consequences for the next generation. But our young generation, living by the Universal Declaration of Human Values, goes beyond anger and hatred! They are shaken but strong. They are sad but standing. They are brilliant, tolerant, free thinkers. They are the ones who bring flowers and hope where cowards used guns. For all these reasons, I would like to pay a tribute to our young generation.

The ISF has been taking several steps towards peace and tolerance. Recently, the ISF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Peace and Sport to be stronger and act united where peace is being shattered (page 8). Furthermore, the Executive Committee agreed on the introduction of new statutes at the next General Assembly in which we will emphasize the role of peace and education for youngsters. At the last Executive Committee meeting, it was also decided to create various commissions to propose a stronger educational programme. All the decisions of the Executive Committee can be read later in this issue (page 6).

2016 is approaching and the first World Schools Championships are just around the corner. Recently, we organised a seminar for our organisers, and I can already now reveal that the level of the events will reach higher standards. We will introduce a few of the upcoming events in each issue of the coming magazines along with an article dedicated to our biggest event, the Gymnasiade.

Enjoy your winter break and enjoy your time with your beloved ones.

Laurent Petrynka

Highlights from the EC in Johannesburg

The 2nd Executive Committee (EC) finished on Friday, October 30 after days of insightful discussions and presentations at the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC). The official opening was done by Ms Patience Shikwambana, SASCOC General Manager, Mr Les Williams, SASCOC 2nd Vice President, and Mr Laurent Petrynka, ISF President.



One of the items on the agenda the first day was the recommendations from the ISF Convention, which took place in Doha, Qatar earlier this year. Based on the recommendations both Beach Games and Winter Gymnasiade were approved to be organised in the future with the latter one including alpine ski, cross-country, and snowboarding.

Another topic that was discussed at the Convention was the frequency of the Gymnasiade. Having received a bid for the Gym-

nasiade to be organised already in 2018 (2 years after the Gymnasiade in Turkey), the ISF President and Secretary General will make a preliminary visit to check if the proposal can be submitted to the General Assembly (GA) in May next year. The GA, according to ISF rules, must approve the next Gymnasiade's place and date.

The EC decided to move the GA meeting 2016 from Trabzon, Turkey in July (linked to the Gymnasiade) to Marmaris, Turkey mid-

May in order to be able to focus on the meeting exclusively. Besides this, the EC also addressed the recommendation concerning the participation of selected teams and school teams, and they accepted that selected team can participate in individual sports; next year's table tennis, badminton and cross-country, and in 2017 athletics, swimming and orienteering, without entering a school team. Adjusting the mode of entry like this, the hope is to have more countries participating in the WSC.



Along with the approval of selected teams, the EC agreed to create four commissions within the areas of education, health and medical, gender equality, and marketing and communication with the purpose of focusing attention on the development of these matters.

Moving on from the recommendations introduced in Doha, another item on the agenda was a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Peace and Sport presented by its Director Laurent Dupont and following approved by the EC. The official signing of the MoU will take place on November 26 during a press conference at the Peace

and Sport Forum in Monaco. Following this presentation, the state of affairs for the ISF School Sport Foundation was introduced including the announcement of a solidarity trail that will be organised next year on May 29 for the benefit of the School Sport Foundation.

Some of the highlights from the following days include, among other things, the introduction of new statutes and bye-laws, which are all rooted in the purpose of making ISF more transparent and international while assisting the facilitation and acceleration of the decision-making process. Additionally, the EC accepted five new affiliated member countries, which include USA, Cuba, Albania, Republic of Srpska and Azerbaijan. Finally they designated the host countries for the World Schools Championships 2018 except for the WSC Table Tennis and Ski 2018, which are still open for bids until the next EC taking place in May 2016. The countries that were attributed a WSC 2018 during the EC include:

- India, Pune - Badminton
- France, Paris - Cross-Country
- Qatar, Doha - Handball
- Israel, Ramat Gan - Futsal
- Czech Republic, Brno - Volleyball
- Serbia, Belgrade - Basketball 3x3

The EC congratulates all the countries and is looking forward to follow their preparations towards these future championships.



ISF enters new partnership signing Memorandum of Understanding with Peace and Sport



“Be Part of What Matters”. These were the words that united everyone at the three-day Peace and Sport International Forum in Monaco by the end of November. Several delegates, some of which included politicians, athletes, non-profit organisations and foundations were gathered to take part in fruitful and constructive dialogues and debates about future actions to support the shared ambition for sustainable peace throughout the world. First action was already taken at the Forum with the signing of a new partnership between Peace and Sport and ISF.



On Thursday, November 26, during a press conference at the Peace and Sport International Forum, Joël Bouzou, President and Founder of Peace and Sport,

happily announced the establishment of a new partnership between Peace and Sport and ISF with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

With the decision to join forces follows a collaboration based on a shared commitment to promote peace through sport via various continental activities and events organised

by ISF, one of these include the launch of The White Card Campaign, held in celebration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace on April 6 each year, with students around the world engaging in sports activities at school. ISF will promote this initiative throughout its platform to ensure global mobilisation for peace and development through sport and ISF World Schools Championships taking place on this day will additionally initiate a project, thereby seeking to increase the involvement of young people in the campaign.

Besides The White Card Campaign, other activities and agreed-upon goals form the basis of this new partnership between Peace and Sport and ISF. These ISF President, Laurent Petrynka, elaborated on during a press conference

at the Forum in Monaco while also pointing out the potential for developing numerous other actions by coupling sport and schools, “To develop sport in the world, you have to start with schools. Very soon, the word ‘Peace’ will feature in ISF’s statutes, and we are grateful to Peace and Sport for contributing to this process. Between the White Card campaign, the ISF’s School Sport Foundation and executive training programs, as held with Peace and Sport in Ivory Coast, there is a wealth of initiatives we can undertake combining sport and schools”.



A member country honoured Croatia



The Croatian School Sport Federation is the national school sport federation, founded December 22, 2006. The members of the Croatian School Sport Federation are the county school sports federations and the School Sport Federation of the City of Zagreb. In total they are 21.



The basic task of the federation is to take care of the school sports, with the main aim to provide every child with the opportunity to engage in sports at school and to include as many children as possible in the school sports.

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Every year, the Croatian School Sport Federation organises and implements the national championship of school sports federations of primary and secondary schools, and of children with developmental problems. It is the biggest sport competition in Croatia, gathering more than **89,000** students at all levels. Competitions start on the level of municipalities and towns, continue on the level of counties,

and the best students from the county competition get to compete in semi-finals. Then, the National Championship finals gather around **2,000** of the best young athletes in Croatia. National championships are held in the following sports: futsal, handball, basketball, volleyball, athletics, judo, gymnastics, swimming, cross-country, table tennis, chess, and badminton.



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Basic info

President: Nikola Perković

Secretary General: Hrvoje Čustonja

Members: 21 school sport county's federations

Participants: 103,000

City: Zagreb

Street: Lanište 11a



The Croatian School Sport Federation, recognising the importance of including children with mental development problems into organised sports competitions, has decided to assume the responsibility of organising their school sports competitions this year. Currently, there are **34** educational institutions in Croatia attended by children with mental development problems, with a total of more than **4,000** children. In 2009, the National Sports Championship for Children with Mental Development Problems was held for the first time. Since then, this competition has been an integral part of the National School Sport Championship every year.

UNIVERSAL SPORTS SCHOOL

The Universal Sports School is intended for children between **6 and 10** years of old, with the goal of including the maximum number of the youngest students in sports and creating the habits of daily physical exercise.

Children are taught the basic forms of movement and the basic elements of numerous sports in playful and interesting ways. It is all done twice a week during the entire school year. The Universal Sports School offers free-of-charge attendance and the supervision of kinesiologists. This school year, **over 400** sections have been opened all over Croatia, covering more than **10,000** young athletes.

INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE ISF

Croatian School Sport Federation became a member of the ISF in 2007. Since then, 24 Croatian teams have participated in 17 ISF WSCs and Croatia has been the organiser of the ISF WSC Handball in 2012. During the next two years, Croatia will host both the ISF WSC Futsal in Poreč 2016 and the ISF WSC Basketball in 2017.

Within the ISF Committees, Croatia has three members: Secretary General, Hrvoje Čustonja has been a member of the ISF Executive Committee since 2012, Ivana Putarek is a member of the Technical Commission Handball, while Josip Košutić is a member of the TC Futsal.

Next year, 16 Croatian teams will be participating in eight WSCs. This is largest number of teams that have ever participated in the championships.



TEN OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CROATIAN SCHOOL SPORT FEDERATION

- Organisation of the biggest School Sport Symposium of PE teachers
- Education against violence within school sport and playgrounds through FIS races and ATP tour
- Programmes for youngsters such as school sport journalists
- Healthy nutrition programme and activities
- Set up of virtual dance show
- Attribution of a school sport fair play award
- Celebration of Olympic Day

- Cooperation with the National Olympic Committee throughout the project of the Olympic Movement
- 70.000 school sport ID licenses

School sports ambassadors:

- Ivano Balic – handball – former best player in the world
- Filip Ude – gymnastics – silver medal in Beijing 2009
- Martina Zubcic – taekwondo – bronze medal in Beijing 2009
- Gordan Kozulj – swimming – world and European champion
- Zvonimir Boban – football – bronze medal at the WC in France 1998
- Domagoj Duvnjak – handball – best player in the world

Year	Activities
2007	Member of the ISF
2009 - 2015	17 x participated in the ISF WSC - 24 teams
2010 - 2012	ISF awards: Fair Play trophy – ISF WSC Futsal, 3 medals (table tennis - 2 silver, bronze)
2012	Host of the ISF WSC Handball
2012 - 2018	EC member
2014 - 2018	TC members (Futsal, Handball)
2016	8 ISF WSC - 16 teams in the ISF WSC
2016	Host ISF WSC Futsal
2017	Host ISF WSC Basketball

Gymnasiade Part 1 Introducing the sports



Athletes and others taking part in the 16th edition of the ISF Gymnasiade can already now begin to prepare for this grand event that will be held in July next year in Trabzon, Turkey, by following a new series about the Gymnasiade starting in this ISF Magazine. This new series has four parts, the first of which will introduce you to the sports.



For some, the name Gymnasiade might denote a sport event showcasing gymnastics as the main discipline. However, this is far from reality, as the Gymnasiade, in fact, is a multisport event with three primary sports: athletics, swimming, and gymnastics as well as several demonstration sports. These comprise chess, karate, judo, archery, fencing, tennis, and wrestling. The observant reader will notice that the four last-mentioned sports were not part of the previous Gymnasiade in 2013 in Brazil, yet that is because they are all new sports that have been added to the programme in Trabzon in 2016. So, it will surely be interesting to follow how these additional sports will be welcomed at the launch of the next Gymnasiade starting July 11 running until July 18.

Adding up all the sports equals a number of ten. But considering all the different categories and disciplines within each sport, the number of competitions increases significantly. Take one of the primary sports such as athletics. Here athletes will be competing in 18 disciplines, some of which include sprint, hurdles, steeplechase, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, shot put, discus, javelin throw, hammer, and medley relays. Swimming includes five disciplines: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and medley, whereas gymnastics covers three disciplines inclu-



ding rhythmic, artistic and aerobic gymnastics. Remember, this is only the range of disciplines within the three primary sports. Counting in the categories and disciplines for the demonstration sports as well, there will be even more competitions. For instance, one of the new demonstration sports, wrestling, covers freestyle and Greco-Roman in nine weight categories.

One thing is the great number of competitions that unquestionably will fill up the programme in Trabzon as a result of the new demonstration sports that have been added

to the event. Another thing is the increasing number of participants that without doubt will contribute to making next year's Gymnasiade even bigger than previous years. So far, 15 countries have registered, including Armenia, Belarus, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Iran, Puerto Rico, Slovakia, Sweden, and Turkey. To follow the preparations for this magnificent event, stay tuned for next ISF Magazine, which will be out in February and introduce you to the city of Trabzon and all its glory.



ISF World Schools Championships 2016 Ski in Italy



Are you looking for speed or endurance? At the ISF World Schools Championship Ski 2016, we make the choice easier, as you will have both.



From this day counting, there are less than twelve weeks until the beginning of the ISF WSC Ski 2016 that will be held in L'Aquila, Italy, and we can already now feel the excitement in the air. More than 300 students from 14 countries worldwide will compete in both cross-country and alpine ski, and thereby help us answer the questions who has the most endurance and who swings the fastest down two of the most beautiful Apennines mountains.

The championship will be held from Monday, February 22 till Saturday, February 27, 2016, in the well-known locations of Monte Magliola in Ovindoli and Campo Felice situated at more than 1500 mamsl (metres above mean sea level). Both locations are part of the region of Abruzzo, and are located in the very heart of Italy, just about 20 kilometres to L'Aquila, the county borough and 100 kilometres from Rome. These two locations share the beautiful setting of the Apennines, which is surrounded by the famous mountains of Gran Sasso, Maiella, and Il Sirente reaching more than 2000 mamsl, providing a breath-taking view. The attendees will be accommodated in Hotel Tutto Sport at Lucoli, Grand Hotel delle Rocche at Rocca di Mezzo,



and Park Hotel at Ovindoli, all of which are very close to the competitions tracks. The competition, organised by the Ministry of Education, University and Research (M.I.U.R.), according to the International School Sport Federation's competition rules, will see boys and girls divided into 2 sub-categories: category one comprises students born in 2002, 2001, 2000, while category two includes the ones born in 1999 and 1998.

The participating countries are finally confirmed and amount to Austria, Belgium



French community, Belgium German community, Chile, China P.R., England, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Russia, Scotland, Slovakia, Switzerland, and Turkey, all of which undoubtedly will perform at their best to win the craved title of the ISF WSC Ski Champion 2016.

The logo of the event is full of meanings starting from the Eagle which means L'Aquila in Italian, to the number 99 which represents the characteristic number of the 99 churches, squares, castles and fountains of L'Aquila. The design of the logo was made by students in Abruzzo, reinforcing the concept of education through sport, which stands as the most important pillar of ISF and M.I.U.R. However, this championship goes further than the sport competition. In 2009, the city of L'Aquila was devastated by an earthquake that took away the life of 308 people as well as a big part of the architectural beauties of the city. The city is slowly recovering and the ISF WSC is not just there supporting the city as a simple sport event, but also considered to be an opportunity to increase awareness on everyday tragedy and bring together different cultures. Sharing experience is probably the most valuable asset of ISF, which will certainly enrich students, not only as athletes, but also as humans.

ISF World Schools Championships 2016 Handball in France

Next year in March, Rouen will be full of athletes when more than 40 teams of passionate handball players coming from all around the world enter the city to compete in the 23rd ISF World Schools Championship in Handball. With the involvement of hundreds of high school students and support from local authorities and national sport federations, the French organisers are prepared to welcome everyone to, what they hope is going to be, an unforgettable experience.



So far, the organisers from the French School Sport Union (UNSS) are expecting to host 23 countries during the championship running from March 11 until March 19. This great number of delegations not only contributes to increasing the dimensions of the event, it also puts extra pressure on the need for good infrastructures in order to offer excellent settings for all participants. Luckily, the organisers have received great support from the city and the whole region of Rouen, which have devoted a lot of efforts to help realise this event providing the best facilities. For instance, eight different sport halls across the city have been put at the organisers' disposal; some of these include, Kindarena, Jacques Anquetil Sport Hall, and Madrillet Sport Hall. Yet, not only local authorities play a central role in the organisation of this upcoming championship, as organisers also rely on hundreds of students from high schools in the region who will assist with catering, cultural activities and communication on site.

Students from Jeanne d'Arc High School will be in charge of the shows taking place during the opening and closing ceremony as well as the cultural activities. Catering services are designated to students from George Baptiste de Canteleu et Decrétot Professional High School in Louviers while the agricultural High School of Envermeu is in charge of providing regional products. Several other schools are involved as well, for instance Augustin Boismard High School of Brionne and Colbert High School of Petit-Quevilly, which are responsible for podiums, medals and trophies. Mascots will

be created by Elisa Lemonnier High School, while students from Marc Bloch High School from Val-de-Reuil will volunteer as guides and translators. Last but not least, students from Corneille, Nelson Mandela, and Jules Verne High Schools will help with the communication on site, that is, report information, take photos, record videos as well as share the latest updates on social networks. As is evident from the involvement of so many students from different schools, the organisers have surely put together a very extensive educative programme seeking to reach one of the primary ambitions of ISF: education through sport. The organisers are grateful for all the support they have received from everyone who has dedicated their time to help make this, what is going to be, a memorable event, and would therefore like to pay special thanks to everyone from students and local authorities



ties to the President of the French Handball Federation, Jöel Delplanque, the French Minister of Education, Najat Vallaud-Belkacem and the Minister of City, Youth and Sports, Patrick Kanner. Without a great team, this event would not have been possible.



An educational day at EXPO Milano 2015



Promoting the link between sport and education is one of the key missions of ISF, and after taking part in EXPO Milano 2015 in collaboration with Kinder+Sport, ISF concludes that the settings for promoting this exact purpose here were excellent.



On Tuesday, October 13, ISF was at EXPO Milano 2015 where several fun activities took place in the Kinder+Sport area. The event was opened by Ferrero Director, Alejandro Hurtado, and ISF President, Laurent Petrynka, both of whom sought to establish the great importance of education through sport, here referring to activities and priorities of Ferrero and ISF respectively. Following the opening, students from schools in Milan competed in a 3x3 Basketball tournament after which they were rewarded for their participation and joy of moving. Yet, the day was not all about moving. Professor at the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Master Course, Kostas Mountakis, gave a lecture presenting the audience with an effective way to teach Olympic



and sport values through school sport and physical education classes. At this lecture, the majority of listeners were phy-

sical education teachers from schools in Milan along with postgraduate students from the CONI/MIUR Master's Course. Visitors in the Kinder+Sport area also had the chance to gain insight into the world of ISF, as ISF Vice President, Stelios Daskalakis, introduced the innovative concept of the ISF Educational Games, and the ones who wanted to explore other ISF events could walk around the area of Kinder+Sport where videos from previous world schools championships were projected during the day.

To conclude this educational day in Milan, Davide Tibaldi, member of the Kinder team, presented the integrated concept of Kinder+Sport for education through sport, and finally time was reserved for taking pictures with all the participants to make sure this event was captured for everyone to remember with great memories.





CALENDAR

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2016			
European Meeting	15.01-17.01	Ayia Napa	Cyprus
1. Executive Committee	10.05-15.05	Marmaris	Turkey
General Assembly	11.05-14.05	Marmaris	Turkey
Ski	22.02-27.02	L'Aquila	Italy
Handball	11.03-19.03	Rouen	France
Badminton	28.03-03.04	Gzira	Malta
Table Tennis	01.04-08.04	Eilat	Israel
Futsal	03.04-10.04	Poreč	Croatia
Cross-country	21.04-26.04	Budapest	Hungary
Volleyball	25.06-03.07	Belgrade	Serbia
Gymnasiade	11.07-18.07	Trabzon	Turkey
2. Executive Committee	December	Mumbai	India
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
3rd ISF School Sport			
Educational Games	23.04-28.04	Athens	Greece
School Football EURO 2016	29.05-06.06	Lille / Lens	France
Basketball 3 x 3	16.06-21.06	Tallinn	Estonia
3rd Pan-American School Games	(Oct-Nov-Dec)	(.....)	Brazil
Cricket	11.12-19.12	Mumbai	India

2017			
1. Executive Committee	1st semester	(Papeete)	(French Polynesia)
Athletics Memorial Jean Humbert	17.05-24.05	Nancy	France
Basketball	April	Poreč	Croatia
Football	May	Prague	Czech Republic
Orienteering	(.....)	L'Aquila	Italy
Swimming	(.....)	Budapest	Hungary
Tennis	(.....)	(Goiânia)	Brazil
2. Executive Committee	2nd semester	(.....)	(Italy/Croatia)
TC Seminar/Convention	(.....)	(.....)	(Italy/Croatia)
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
Beach Volleyball	26.05-02.06	Papeete	French Polynesia
Triathlon	(.....)	(.....)	Puerto Rico
Combat Games	(.....)	Pune	India
Euro Schools Badminton	(.....)	Nice	France
<i>2018</i>			
1. Executive Committee	(.....)	(.....)	(Brazil)
General Assembly	(.....)	(.....)	(Brazil)
Badminton	(.....)	Pune	India
Cross-Country	02.04-07.04	Paris	France
Futsal	Spring	Ramat Gan	Israel
Handball	March	Doha	Qatar
Winter Gymnasiade	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Table Tennis	(08.06-16.06)	(Yaounde/.....)	(Cameroon/Malta)
Volleyball	May-June	Brno	Czech Republic
2. Executive Committee	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
Basketball 3 x 3	(May/June)	Belgrade	Serbia
Gymnastics	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)

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



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