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What is the situation and what are the perspectives of sport history as a scientific discipline in different countries? The ISHPES Bulletin wants to collect and publish information and statements relating to this question from all parts of the world. In this issue we publish the contributions submitted by Victor Andrade de Melo/Lamartine P. DaCosta and by Floris van der Merwe; the first reports on signs of recent advancements in the history of sport in Brazil, the second notes the fast decline of sport history in the last decades in South Africa.

VICTOR ANDRADE DE MELO/LAMARTINE P. DACOSTA

Brief Notes on the History of Sport and Physical Education in Brazil

The history of sport made its appearance in Brazil in the late nineteenth century when magazine articles and books gave historical descriptions of horse-racing and rowing, the most popular sports at that time. Symptomatically, the pioneer authors were journalists and sport amateurs. Since then and up to the 1980s, this non-academic concern with the history of sport prevailed despite a significant and continuing growth of university courses and professionalism in physical education and sports in Brazil after the 1930s. During the 1980s a few academic studies were found in physical education journals aiming at acknowledging Brazilian perspectives. But this new trend did not yet represent a well defined field of investigation.

By the beginning of the 1990s key elements of a scientific mainstream were identified in the history of sport production, such as structured discussion, academic concern, sense of organisation and development.

This profile was mainly encompassed by two initiatives: the Research Group on the History of Sport from the University of Campinas and the National Colloquy on the History of Sport, Leisure and Physical Education.

In addition to these accomplishments, two university post graduate programs at master and doctorate levels started up to support lines of research on the history of sport as well as to offer specific, specialised credits in this discipline.

Furthermore, since 1993 five national congresses have taken place in different locations of Brazil in order to give an opportunity to scholars and students for presenting their studies and research reports in the old but also renewed issue of the history of sport. From the 35 contributions presented in the first national event, there are now an average of 80 works in each congress. The 1998 congress is to be held in Rio de Janeiro with the support of University Gama Filho and the Brazilian Institute of History and Geography, the oldest and one of the most prestigious institutions in the country connected to both disciplines.

In all, these annual meetings of historians have confirmed a major focus on sport as well as a decrease in interest in physical education. A similar preference of participants is for methodological issues as well as an increasing concern with national and regional themes of investigation. Both approaches seem to be evidence of searching for initial and consistent standpoints for the "new" branch of research.

The search for identity and solid groundwork by Brazilian new adherents of the history of sport can also be seen in international exchanges. Thus, for the 1996 (Belo Horizonte) and 1997 (Maceio) congresses, James A. Mangan, Eric Dunning, Roland Renson, Mike Featherstone and Birger Petersen were invited, to give additional seminars in the University of Campinas (São Paulo) and the University Gama Filho (Rio de Janeiro).

Currently, there are contacts to bring to the next Rio de Janeiro congress other important European and North American colleagues in another round of comparisons between international and national history of sport trends and characterisations.

In exchange, three papers by Brazilian researchers were included in the Lyon ISHPES Congress (July 1997) besides the inclusion of two Brazilian members in the Editorial Board of IJHS in the same year. With regard to international publishing, a first contribution to IJHS recently appeared focusing on the history of sport in Rio de Janeiro, where in the mid-nineteenth century some European-style sport competitions were important social events.

This exchange on a national and international basis had also a recent and significant drive by means of Internet connections. There is now available a Brazilian network on the history of physical education and sport uniting more than 100 participants from 10 countries. The network had a reception of almost 800 messages during its 17 months of functioning. These results motivated the organisers of the list to develop a home page, providing a permanent and updated meeting point for sport historians.

In summary, the long-term existence of the history of sport in Brazil is finally showing an organic whole often recognised by its scientific production instead of an explicit and formal movement of academic leadership and supporters. Unlike most advanced cases of history of sport development, there is no national association behind the Brazilian outstanding growth of interests on this area of knowledge. Perhaps the networking approach assumed by initial actions for improvement might explain the lack of the usual scientific community linkages.

The clear-sighted advance in Brazilian history of sport, however, is far from a needed search of singular profiles related to sport and physical education as practised in the country. Also important is the small recognition of Brazilian intellectuals with regard to the influence of sports in shaping social facts.

In other words, the history of sport in Brazil - old and
new has latterly gone international, but it still marginalizes the lived in favour of the textual. In order to redress this unbalanced development, Brazilian historians will need to follow examples of other countries.

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The status of sport history in South Africa
Traditionally sport history was one of the core subjects in Physical Education in South Africa. Over the past two decades the subject has been gradually exfoliated by nearly all universities. At present it is mainly the Afrikaans-speaking universities that give some attention to the history of sport. Of these universities it is only Stellenbosch that offers a full semester course in history. This is being done at graduate and undergraduate levels, although at graduate level it is not compulsory.

The textbook on Sport History for South African Students by van der Merwe is only used by three universities at present. They are the University of Stellenbosch, the University of Potchefstroom and the Rand Afrikaans University.

In the 1980s students still showed an interest in doing their Masters' or Doctoral studies in History, but in the 1990's there is a definite decline. The popularity of biokinetics can be blamed for this. With the latter there are job opportunities, whilst with history there are practically none. In the past many school teachers read for a Masters' degree as it had higher salary implications for them. This system has been abandoned by the new South Africa with the result that this fountain has also dried up.

In general life, outside the academy, people still laugh when you say you teach sport history. The general attitude is "is that a university subject?" My usual response is in the form of a counter-question: "How can you study fine art, without any knowledge of the history of it?"
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Bericht der Präsidentin

Liebe Kollegen und Kolleginnen,
die erste Jahreshälfte war für mich hier in Berlin sehr hektsich. Wie viele von Euch möglicherweise schon gehört haben, wird derzeit intensiv über die Schließung des Instituts für Sportwissenschaft an der Freien Universität diskutiert. Die einzige Ausbildungsstätte für Sportwissenschaft wird dann an der Humboldt-Universität bestehen. Ob es mir und meinen Kollegen und Kolleginnen gelingt, das Institut oder zumindest einzelne Studiengänge zu retten, ist noch ungewiss. Eines ist auf jeden Fall sicher, wir sind verbeamtet und können nicht entlassen werden. Ich kann mich also selbstverständlich auch weiter um ISHPES kümmern.

Die ISHPES-Reihe ist derzeit weiter am Wachsen: Inzwischen sind die Shunde-Proceedings, die Proceedings of Lyon und der Band über den Betriebssport in der Druckerei.

Die ISHPES-Preise sind auf eine gute Resonanz gestoßen: Das Award-Komitee hat in Übereinstimmung mit dem ISHPES-Exekutivkomitee den ISHPES Award Alan Metcalfe zugesprochen. Er wird in Sunny Beach einen Hauptvortrag halten und dort für sein Lebenswerk geehrt werden. Meine herzliche Gratulation geht an Alan Metcalfe, und ich freue mich besonders, daß ein so hervorragendes und verdientes ISHPES-Mitglied mit diesem Preis ausgezeichnet wurde.


Gertrud Pfister
ISHPES-Präsidentin

President’s Report

Dear Colleagues:

The first half of the year has been very hectic, at least for me here in Berlin. As some of you already know, the Free University is discussing the possibility of closing the Institute of Sport Science. This would mean that the only place in Berlin to study sport science and physical education would be at Humboldt University in the eastern part of the city. It is uncertain if my colleagues and I can manage to save the Institute, or even the masters courses here. But one thing is for sure: we are employed by the state and that means that we cannot be dismissed. Therefore, it will be no problem for me to continue my work for ISHPES in the near future.

As we prepare for the 1998 Congress, I would like to thank our colleagues in Bulgaria for all their efforts. I look forward to meeting them and you in Sunny Beach. Also, the 1999 Congress in Budapest is well under way. We have to discuss in Bulgaria where future ISHPES meetings will take place and who will organize them. It may be possible to cooperate with the organizers of the pre Olympic Congress in Brisbane, Australia, perhaps for a satellite conference. I have also contacted our Brazilian colleague, Lamartine DaCosta and our colleague from Japan, Tokuro Yamamoto, as we would like to strengthen our relations outside Europe.

The ISHPES Series is still growing. The Seminar Proceedings from Shunde, the Congress Proceedings from Lyon, and the book about Sport in German firms are in print. I am hopeful that I can bring the Shunde Proceedings to Sunny Beach. In addition, I would like to draw your attention to the latest issue of the Journal of Comparative Physical Education and Sport which is a special joint venture of ISHPES and ISCPES. More information about this issue is included in the Bulletin. The ISHPES Awards have been very well received. The Award Committee, in agreement with the Executive Committee, has decided to give the 1998 ISHPES Award to Prof. Dr. Alan Metcalfe. He will be a keynote speaker in Sunny Beach and will be honoured there for his scientific work. I would like to congratulate Alan Metcalfe and I am very pleased that such an outstanding ISHPES member has been selected.

I also wish to thank the International Council for Sport, Sport Science and Physical Education. In March there was a meeting of the Executive Committee. These discussions were very creative and fruitful with respect to the future of ICSSPE and the professions and disciplines it represents. Gudrun Doll-Tepper in particular is responsible for these new initiatives in the association and in the scientific community. More information about ICSSPE can be found below in this issue.

Many thanks to all our colleagues who have forwarded information for this Bulletin. However, there are still not enough sport historians who take advantage of this forum!! Your input would be welcomed by the editors and valued by your colleagues world-wide.

I wish you and all my colleagues a wonderful summer, not too much work, and plenty of fun. I look forward to meeting you in Bulgaria.

Gertrud Pfister
ISHPES President

Rapport de la Présidente

Chers collègues,

La première moitié de l’année a été plutôt mouvementée ici à Berlin. Comme beaucoup d’entre vous le savent sans doute déjà, l’Institut des Sciences du Sport de la Freie Universität Berlin va probablement être obligé de fermer ses portes. La Humboldt Universität serait à ce moment le seul endroit à Berlin où l’on pourrait étudier les sciences du sport. Il est très improbable que mes collègues et moi puissions parvenir à sauver l’Institut ou du moins certaines de ses parties. Mais
dans tous les cas, étant fonctionnaires, nous ne pouvons pas être limogés, je pourrai donc évidemment continuer à m’occuper de l’ISHPES.


La collection de l’ISHPES continue à croître : Les actes des colloques de Shunde et de Lyon ainsi que le volume sur le sport à l’entreprise sont sous presse. Je voudrais également attirer votre attention sur le numéro spécial du Journal of Comparative Physical Education and Sport qui a été produit en étroite collaboration avec l’ISHPES (des indications plus détaillées se trouvent dans ce Bulletin).

Les prix de l’ISHPES ont trouvé bon écho. La commission des prix, en accord avec le Comité exécutif, a décerné cette fois le prix de l’ISHPES à Alan Metcalfe. Il présentera l’une des communications principales à Sunny Beach et sera fait de ses félicitations pour son travail d’ensemble en tant qu’historien du sport. Je me réjouis de voir qu’un membre de l’ISHPES avec des mérites aussi importants soit récompensé de cette manière et tiens à prononcer mes félicitations les plus sincères à Alan Metcalfe.


Merci aussi et surtout à tous les historiens du sport qui nous ont procuré des informations et des articles pour ce Bulletin. Cependant, les membres et collègues vraiment actifs ne sont pas encore assez nombreux!

Je souhaite à tous les collègues un été agréable, pas trop chargé de travail, et me réjouis de vous voir très prochainement en Bulgarie.

Gertrud Pfister
Présidente de l’ISHPES

Alan Metcalfe - 1998 ISHPES Award Winner

Prof. Dr. Alan Metcalfe has been honoured as the second recipient of the ISHPES Award. He follows in the footsteps of the inaugural winner, Prof. Dr. Roberta Park. As the 1998 winner, Alan has been invited to present one of the keynote addresses at the ISHPES Congress in Sunny Beach, Bulgaria this September. His selection is well deserved.

Alan Metcalfe came originally from Jarrow in the North-east of England, near Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. He earned a Diploma from Loughborough College that lead him to a teaching career. In the late 1950’s he marched to the west in search of fame and fortune. After arriving in North America, he spent the next decade teaching school and completing a Bachelors Degree in British Columbia, Canada; finishing two Masters degrees and a Doctoral degree in Wisconsin, USA; and lecturing at New York University. In 1969 he accepted a position at the University of Windsor in Canada and remained there until his retirement this August. Windsor recently bestowed the title of Professor Emeritus upon him.

Alan is a long-time member of ISHPES. He attended the majority of HISPA meetings, beginning with the 1972 unofficial meeting of that organization in Paris. His support continued when HISPA and ICOSH merged to form ISHPES. Twice he has delivered keynote addresses at HISPA/ISHPES conferences - Gubbio, 1987 and Lillehammer, 1994. He has also presented keynotes at the NASSH and BSSH meetings. His many regular papers have been given all over the world - Asia, Africa, Europe (East and West), Oceania, and North America - to audiences that have included academics from a wide range of disciplines.

While Alan has published widely in peer adjudicated journals, proceedings, atlases, and anthologies, his crowning work, Canada Learns to Play, was released in 1987. The publication of his new book on sport in the mining villages of East Northumberland will be hastened with retirement.

So, the young man who travelled to the New World has since aged a little, did not find his fortune, but most certainly achieved fame - at least in the eyes of his peers. And who better to judge? The newly bestowed ISHPES Award adds but one more feather to his cap. Sincere congratulations Alan (and may Sunderland reign supreme).

Michael A. Salter

ISHPES-Preise: Ausschreibung

ISHPES schreibt zwei Preise für herausragende Leistungen auf dem Gebiet der Sportgeschichtsschreibung aus, den ISHPES-Preis (ISHPES Award) und den Reinhard-Sprenger-Preis für Nachwuchswissenschaftler/innen (ISHPES Junior Award).

Der ISHPES-Preis wird einem/einer Sporthistoriker/in verliehen, der/die zu dem Thema des nächsten ISHPES-Kongresses in Budapest (Juli 1999) grundlegende Beiträge veröffentlicht hat. Der Preis kann auch in Würdigung eines Lebenswerkes für die sporthistorische Forschung vergeben werden. Der/die Preisträger/in wird mit einer Urkunde und einer Ehrenpreis ausgezeichnet und erhält die Einladung, auf
ISHPES Awards: Invitation for Entries

ISHPES awards two prizes for notable accomplishments in the field of sport history: the ISHPES Award and the Reinhard Sprenger Award for work done by young scholars.

The ISHPES Award is presented to a sport historian who has published pioneering work on the subject focused upon in the next ISHPES congress in Budapest (July 1999). The award can also be presented as a tribute to a scholar with a life-long record of research in sport history. The prize is accompanied by a certificate and an invitation to accept the award and give the opening lecture (the ISHPES Award Lecture) at the next congress.

The Award winner must be a member of ISHPES. Every ISHPES member is eligible to nominate candidates for the award, and nominations must be submitted to the President before December 31, 1998. Nominations must be accompanied by a list - as complete as possible - of the nominees' works as well as their major publications in the field of sport history. While nominations should be submitted in one of the official ISHPES languages, the publications accompanying the nominations may be written in any language. The prize-winner will be chosen by an Award Committee elected by the ISHPES Council.

The Reinhard Sprenger Award for young scholars will be presented at the ISHPES congress in Budapest for an unpublished study of outstanding quality in the field of sport history research. The participation is open for every scholar who is not over the age of 39 in the year of the opening of the Congress. The subject of the study must not be related to the topic of the ISHPES event. The study must be submitted in one of the official ISHPES languages (German, English or French) and the text itself (not including notes, appendix, etc.) must not exceed 20,000 characters. The main criteria for selecting the winning study will be the originality of author’s approach and the knowledge gained for international sport history.

The Reinhard Sprenger Award is endowed with a prize of 1,000,- German marks. The winner, together with other entrants whose work is given an honourable mention, will receive a diploma which will be presented at an award ceremony during the event. The studies must be submitted to the ISHPES secretariat before April 30, 1999.

Prix de l’ISHPES: Invitation aux candidatures

L’ISHPES décerne deux prix pour d’excellents travaux dans le domaine de l’histoire du sport: Le prix de l’ISHPES (ISHPES Award) et le prix Reinhard Sprenger pour jeunes chercheurs.

Le prix de l’ISHPES sera décerné au prochain congrès de l’ISHPES à Budapest (juillet 1999) à un historien du sport qui a publié des ouvrages fondamentaux sur le thème du congrès. Le prix peut également honorer le travail d’ensemble par lequel un chercheur a contribué de façon significative à l’historiographie du sport. Le lauréat obtiendra un diplôme et sera invité au congrès pour recevoir le prix et pour donner la communication inaugurale (ISHPES Award Lecture).

Le lauréat doit être membre de l’ISHPES. Tout membre de l’ISHPES peut proposer des candidats pour le prix. Les propositions doivent être adressées au président/à la présidente avant le 31 décembre 1998. Le curriculum vitae, la liste des publications (la plus complète possible) ainsi que les ouvrages les plus importants de la personne proposée sont à joindre. Les propositions devront être soumises dans l’une des trois langues officielles de l’ISHPES, les publications peuvent être rédigées dans n’importe quelle langue. Le lauréat sera désigné par un comité élu par le Conseil de l’ISHPES.

Le prix Reinhard Sprenger pour jeunes chercheurs sera
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Report from the ISHPES Electronics Committee

The Electronics Committee was established July, 1997, at the 4th ISHPES Congress in Lyon. Committee members are:

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To date, the Committee has focused on two projects — SPORTHIST and the ISHPES WWW Site.

SPORTHIST is an electronic mail service run by ISHPES but available to anybody interested in sport history. It was started on February 28, 1995, and now has approximately 350 subscribers from 32 different countries. The service has averaged over 154 messages a month since it was started. The number of postings have been growing as SPORTHIST becomes better known. For example, in 1995 an average of 134 messages were posted per month; so far in 1998 an average of 195 messages per month have been distributed. The postings include congress/conference/seminar announcements (e.g. electronic registration, accommodation details, programmes, etc.); information about publications (e.g. calls for manuscripts, indexes to journals, library and archive holdings, etc.); news about expositions and special museum displays; discussions of topics, such as, “sport and popular culture,” “mass media and the Olympics,” “sport history films and videos,” etc.; the distribution of sport history related materials from other electronic mailing lists; and, of course, numerous requests for research assistance from sport history scholars - and, responses from other SPORTHIST subscribers.

SPORTHIST has been abused occasionally over the years as subscribers have sent private messages to the entire list or flamed a posting they objected to. However, most of these have been accidental and they have not detracted from the overall value of this service.

Scholars interested in subscribing to SPORTHIST should send an e-mail message to:
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The ISHPES World Wide Web site can be located at the following address:
- <http://www.umist.ac.uk/UMIST_Sport/ishpes.html>
This site is linked to a number of others including those of the British Society of Sports History, the North American Society for Sport History, and the European Committee for the History of Sport. The ISHPES site is the 2nd oldest web site of its type and contains virtually the entire history of ISPHES. Visitors can view all Congress and Seminar programmes from the Greek Congress at Olympia in 1989 to the 1998 Sunny Beach Congress in Bulgaria. Information on past Seminars and Congresses include the names of presenters and the titles of their papers. Upcoming conferences outline accommodation, registration and programmatic details.

In addition to the above, the site also provides access to the most recent issues of the ISHPES Bulletin; ISHPES Conference Proceedings that have been published or are being prepared for publication; details of the two ISHPES Awards; and, the current contents of a number of sport history journals. Viewers will soon be able to visit sport history museums, libraries, archives, and expositions.

At present the ISHPES WWW site is averaging about 300 visits per day.

Committee members are examining ways in which they can make the electronic world more accessible and understandable to sport historians. The Committee is currently discussing possibilities in this regard with respect to the 1999 ISHPES Congress in Budapest, Hungary. Further, we are considering how we can expand the WWW site by involving additional ISHPES members in its development and maintenance.
Dear Colleagues,

During the EXPO 2000 in Hannover, the 3rd World Festival of Traditional Games will take place. It will be supported by ICSSPE and by UNESCO. There are also plans to organise a Scientific Symposium on June 18/19, 2000 in Hannover. ISHPES has been asked to reflect on a possible focus for this symposium. There have already been some conferences dealing with the topic of traditional games with a more general perspective. We should now try to work on one or more topics in-depth.

Do you have any ideas about possible specific issues which are important and which should be addressed?
I am looking forward to receiving your ideas.

Gertrud Pfister

Biographical Notes on ISHPES Council Members

At the last ISHPES Congress in Lyon, July 1997, the new ISHPES Council has been elected. In this and the next issue of the Bulletin, we publish short biographies of the 20 council members.

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nish sports. Ongoing studies: a comparative study of women
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doctoral thesis) and a study of women in Finnish workers' sports.
Secretary General of the First ISHPES Seminar (Sport and
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His work has focused on the commercialisation of and professionalism in sport and his Pay up and Play the Game won the North American Society of Sport History's book prize in 1988. He also received the Australian Sport Commission's Sport Science Education Award for his report on violence in Australian sport. His most recent books have had an Australian flavour: the Oxford Companion to Australian Sport (co-editor), Sport in Australian Society (joint editor) and Sport in Australian History (joint author). However, he has now returned to British sports history and is writing the history of the Physical Education Association of the United Kingdom (with Steve Bailey) and the Centennial History of the Professional Golfers Association (with Richard Holt and Peter Lewis) and editing the Encyclopedia of British Sport (with Grant Jarvis and Richard Cox).

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He was appointed lecturer at the University of Stellenbosch in January 1979, where he at present occupies the position of senior lecturer in the Department of Human Movement Science. He teaches Sport History and Research Methods. Since 1977, Floris has published 31 articles in scientific journals, 28 articles in other journals and magazines, 36 books and chapters in books/proceedings, and has presented papers at congresses on 34 occasions.

He was a member of HISPA and is now of course a member of ISHPES. He is also a member of the South African Association for Sport Science, the British Society of Sports History, the North American Society for Sport History, the Australian Society for Sport History and the Association of Sports Historians.

Since 1981 (Lisbon), Floris has been a regular participant at HISPA and later ISHPES meetings and is now serving his second term on the council. He also organised the 1995 congress which took place in Cape Town.

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His main contributions in sport history: "5000 Years of Physical Culture and Sports in China" (chief editor); "15 Years of Reform for Chinese Physical Education and Sports" (chief editor); "The History of Track and Field in China"; (chief editor); "The History of Chess in China" (chief editor); "The History of Model Airplane in China".

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MICHAEL A. SALTER

1998 NASSH Convention
Ontario (Canada), May 22-25, 1998

The North American Society for Sport History held its Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention at the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, from May 22-25, 1998. The NASSH Council and the Society’s various Committees met on Friday. The academic portion of the program ran from early morning until late afternoon on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The social program included a Wine and Cheese Reception on Friday evening sponsored by the University of Windsor’s President, a cruise of the Detroit River and Lake St Clair on Sunday evening sponsored by Human Kinetics Press, and Monday’s closing Banquet sponsored by the College of Arts and Human Sciences at the University of Windsor. Don Morrow (President-Elect of NASSH) was the Chair of the Program Committee; Alan Metcalfe, Vicky Paraschak and Michael Salter (University of Windsor) were the Convention Managers.

157 delegates registered for the convention. Of these, 16 were doctoral students studying in North America; 18 came from Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, and Sweden. About 20 delegates were accompanied to Windsor by their spouse or a companion.

Ron Smith (Secretary-Treasurer of NASSH) once again organized the Convention’s outstanding Book and Journal Display. Ron also screened the new film, „Sport in the People’s Century, 1900-1999“, produced by WGBH in Boston and the BBC for the Public Television System.

More than 70 papers were presented over the course of the three day academic program. Because of the volume of presentations three sessions ran simultaneously. A total of 29 sessions were scheduled, about a third of which involved a commentator or reactor. All sessions were arranged thematically and covered among other things: Canadian sport, US Intercollegiate athletics, historiography, nationalism, cultural issues, PE and sport in Europe, religion, the Olympics, commercialism, ancient sport, fringe leisure, and such specific sports as ice hockey, body building, aquatics, football, baseball, and so on. Three sessions included panelists and took on the nature of Round Table discussions. One dealt with race, another with Jewish sport, and the third critiqued Steve Pope’s new book „Patriotic Games: Sporting Traditions in the American Imagination, 1876-1926,“ (NY: Oxford University Press, 1997).

For a complete breakdown of all sessions, papers and presenters please check the NASSH Home Page on the WWW at <http://nassh.uwo.ca/>

Two superb Keynote addresses were delivered. The first, which covered the history and future of television contracts with the IOC, was given by Richard Pound (Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee). The second was presented by Charles Korr (University of Missouri- St. Louis) who dealt with leisure and sport in South America’s recent penal community on Robben Island. The Graduate Student Essay winner was Susan Forbes (University of Western Ontario). Her paper, „Defining Practices: Female Employees’ Leisure at Eaton’s“, was given in a special session.

Roberta Park (retired - University of California, Berkeley) and Alan Metcalfe (retired - University of Windsor) were presented with NASSH Recognition Awards at the closing banquet.

NASSH will be hosted next year by Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, May 28-31, 1999.

MARIANNE HELMS/JÜRGEN ZANDER

Tagungen des Niedersächsischen Instituts für Sportgeschichte (NISH)
Hoya (Deutschland), 1996 und 1997


Inhaltlich standen weder die Geschichte traditioneller Sportarten noch die Vereinsentwicklung im Vordergrund, sondern Themen, die geeignet waren, das Bild der Geschichte und die Rolle des Sports in ihr für den jeweiligen Untersuchungszeitraum zu verdeutlichen.


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THIERRY TERRET
Sport et démocratie
Paris 1998


L’exposition est finalement organisée sur une logique thématique qui recouvre trois dimensions complémentaires: „le sport, espace de démocraties…“, „le sport, une conquête populaire“, „le sport, affaire de la nation“. On y trouve des pièces aussi originales que des fresques grecques, des téguments expédiés lors du premier Tour de France cycliste en 1903 par les journalistes de l’Auto, ou encore des superbes affiches et documents des sociétés de gymnastique de la fin du 19ème siècle. Un catalogue de plus de 200 pages permet de reprendre essentiel de ces documents avec des textes plus développés rédigés par les différents membres du comité scientifique.
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Societies

International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)
The Lausanne Meetings*

Who are and where are we going? These two very concrete and fundamental questions were the basis of the discussions held by the Executive Board, President’s Committee and, to some extent the Editorial Board in Lausanne from March 18-22, 1998. Board members travelled to Switzerland to address ICSSPE business matters and, primarily, to reflect on the current structures and functions of the Council. All of the comments that were forwarded from the membership, in response to the questions in Bulletin Nr. 23 (ICSSPE 2000 - Have a Say) were included in the preparation of a two day strategic planning session. The Secretariat invited professional consultants to guide Board members in this strategic planning process.

With the help of a highly effective computerised system, a talented graphic artist and an energetic group of consultants, 25 ICSSPE Executive Board members deliberated the strengths and weaknesses of ICSSPE and paid particular attention to determining what makes ICSSPE a unique organisation with an important and central place in the world of sport science and physical education.

The strategic planning sessions began on March 20, 1998 with brainstorming about ICSSPE’s activities, functions, strengths. The ideas submitted anonymously by participants were discussed openly and were condensed into key competencies and values. On the following day, prioritising and voting began. The presence of guests during the two day session (from partner organisations) was certainly helpful, however, when the voting began, only those responses from members of the Board were recorded.

All members of the Executive Board have received the full set of documents from this Strategic Planning Session - including those who were unable to come to Lausanne. They will be forwarding their final thoughts to Secretariat and the President’s Committee will be co-ordinating responses and action plans. The intention of the Executive Board and President’s Committee is to prepare proposals for approval of the General Assembly to be held in November, 1998.

This is an extremely exciting time for ICSSPE. Re-evaluation and assessment of structures, strategies and competencies must take place in every forward-moving organisation. The ICSSPE Officers are confident that this process will enable ICSSPE to prepare itself in the most effective way possible to enter the new millennium.

* Taken from the detailed report published in ICSSPE Bulletin No. 24, May 1998.

KENTH SÖBLOM

Finnish Society for Sports History

Prizes of the Paavo Nurmi writing contest awarded

The prizes of the writing contest „Meetings with Paavo Nurmi“, organised by the Finnish Society for Sports History, were awarded at the Sports Museum of Finland on the 12th of June, 1998. The winner of the first prize (open Finnish flight ticket from Helsinki to New York) was an entry entitled «Paavo Nurmen kanssa kilpailumakokia» (On Racing Travels With Paavo Nurmi). Written by Matti Heinonen, it is based on personal reminiscences of the champion runner Kaarlo Tuominen. The jury of the contest considered the text an original and realistic portrayal of Nurmi’s person and legends woven about him. The first prize was supplemented by an additional award of 10000 Fmk.

The second prize (5000 Fmk) was awarded to William John Morris for his entry «Meeting Paavo Nurmi. An account of a journey that took forty-five years to accomplish». Conveying a sense of a genuine dialogue with the reputation of Paavo Nurmi, Morris has grasped the subject with both insight and detachment.

The third prize (3000 Fmk) was awarded to Sisko Peltonen for her entry entitled «Paavo Nurmen sylissä» (In The Arms Of Paavo Nurmi). The text conveys the mood of a tender and personally important meeting with the heroic runner.

The jury of the writing contest also decided to award honorary commendations to some entrants for their personal and significant „meetings“ with the legend of Paavo Nurmi or things or objects related to him. The entries thus awarded were: «Neljät kohtaamista Paavo Nurmen kanssa» (Four Meetings with Paavo Nurmi) by Kalle Virtapohja, «Hän ei suostunut vaihtamaan kylää Suomea vieraan tarjoaman kultaan - Paavoo Nurmi turkulaisten silmin» (He would not exchange his poor Finland for foreign gold - Paavo Nurmi in the eyes of his fellow towns men of Turku) by Kimmo Ilonen, «Paavo Nurmi und meine Freiwilligenmeldung» by Klaus Huhn, «Huomionoisutidoksia maassa ja taivaalla» (Honours on land and in the skies) by Vesa-Matti Peltoja, «Cometh the Hour, Cometh the Man. Paavo Nurmi and the Making of a Sports Hero» by Peter F. Radford, and «Med

The Finnish Society for Sports History wishes to express its thanks to ISHPES for its patronage of the contest, to the foreign members of the jury (Horst Ueberhorst and Bruce Kidd) for their expert contributions and to all entrants for their participation.

Pinboard

Prof. Max Howell's Honorary Doctorate Degree

Emeritus Professor Max Howell, Foundation Chair of Human Movement Studies at the University of Queensland, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree on June 2 from the University of Alberta, Canada. Dr. Howell is being honoured for his contribution to sport and physical education in Canada, including starting the first Master’s and Doctor’s degree in his field in the Commonwealth.

Dr. Howell, a former Wallaby and coach of the Canadian national rugby team, has two earned doctorate degrees, one from the University of California at Berkeley and the other from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. He was the first Australian in his field to receive a doctorate degree, and has numerous fellowships. He has published 53 books and over 300 research articles.

Dr. Howell was President of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, President of the Canadian Association of Sport Sciences and President of the North American Society for Sport History. Two addresses are named in his honour and that of his late wife: The International Address of the North American Society for Sport History and the Address for the Advancement of Sport History of the Australian Society for Sport History.

Patricia Vertinsky

Old Sport Equipment

In Florence (Italy), there is a splendid collection of old sport equipment that should not be missed. This collection is shown every second Sunday of each month, from 4pm to 8pm, admission free. About 75 different sports and some videos are presented.

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La Revue Athlétique

L’équipe „Sport-Histoire“ de la Faculté des Sciences du Sport et de l’E.P. de Montpellier s’engage dans une opération de diffusion universitaire (et non commerciale!) de publications rares ou inédites, en tous cas utiles à la mémoire de tous les acteurs de l’E.P., du sport et des S.T.A.P.S.

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Verleihung der Ehrenpromotion für Paul Yogi Maier

Paul Yogi Maier wurde am 16. Juni 1998 die Ehrenpromotion der Universität Potsdam verliehen. Er referierte aus diesem Anlass zum Thema „Minoritäten im Sport am Beispiel der Teilnahme jüdischer Sportler an den Olympischen Spielen in Berlin“.
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ISHPES Conferences

5th International ISHPES Congress
September 05-10, 1998, Sonnenstrand (Bulgaria)

Theme: Sport and Social Change
The focus of the Congress will be on the mutual effects of development in sport and political, social and economic changes in different historical epochs and cultures. This will involve, on the one hand, the question of how societal transformations have influenced the aims, contents and structures of sport and, on the other, whether (and if so, how) sport has sparked off, supported or even hindered social change.

Sections:
1. Sport and political transformation processes
2. Forms of sports practice and their dependence on economic conditions
3. The role of sport in socio-cultural changes
4. Changes in the sport system and the everyday practice of sport after the great political changes in Germany and Eastern Europe.
5. Open session

Theme: Sport und gesellschaftlicher Wandel
Auf diesem Kongreß sollen die Wechselwirkungen zwischen Sportentwicklungen und politischen, sozialen und ökonomischen Veränderungen in verschiedenen Epochen und Kulturen im Mittelpunkt stehen. Dabei stellt sich zum einen die Frage, wie gesellschaftliche Umbücher die Ziele, Inhalte und Strukturen des Sports, aber auch die alltägliche Sportpraxis beeinflußt haben. Zum anderen soll diskutiert werden, ob und wie der Sport gesellschaftliche Veränderungen initiiert, unterstützt oder auch behindert hat.

Sektionen:
1. Sport und politische Transformationsprozesse
2. Formen der Sportpraxis und ihre Abhängigkeit von ökonomischen Bedingungen
3. Die Rolle des Sports im Rahmen sozio-kultureller Veränderungen
4. Veränderungen im System des Sports und im Alltag der Sporttreibenden nach der Wende in Deutschland und Osteuropa
5. Freie Themen

Thème: Sport et changement social
Le congrès traitera des rapports réciproques entre les évolutions dans le monde sportif et les changements politiques, sociaux et économiques dans différentes époques et cultures. Il s’agira d’une part d’analyser de quelle manière des transformations dans les sociétés ont pris de l’influence sur les orientations, les contenus et les structures ainsi que sur la pratique quotidienne du sport. D’autre part, le congrès donnera l’occasion d’étudier des cas où le sport a initié, favorisé ou même entraîné des changements sociaux.

Sections:
1. Sport et processus de transformation politiques
2. Formes de pratiques sportives et leur dépendance des conditions économiques
3. Le rôle du sport dans le cadre de changements socio-culturels
4. Changements dans le systèmes sportif et la pratique sportive quotidienne après le tournant politique en Allemagne et en Europe de l’Est
5. Session libre

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6th ISHPES Congress
July 14-19, 1999, Budapest (Hungary)

Theme: „Sport and Politics“
Organizer: Hungarian University of Physical Education, Institute of Continuing Education
In the countries of the central-eastern European region the effect of politics has been manifest in all fields of life and in almost all historical eras. Politics has always had a strong influence on sport and physical education; at the same time we can say that the opposite influence often occurred too. Sport had its impact on the wide world of politics. The planned sections will deal with international, regional and local aspects of sport and politics, the relation between the international Olympic movement and politics, how each social system made use of sport in different social circumstances to legitimate itself and/or to strengthen its positions. Besides traditional lecture-based sections we plan to organize a poster and video sections, too.

University Facilities and Programs
The University is well-equipped to host such a conference. It has hosted many such conferences in the past, and the facilities are suitable for large congresses. The Aula (400 seats)
will be the venue for all plenary sessions and ceremonies. Four lecture rooms with a capacity of up to 80 persons and a number of smaller classrooms are also available for different meetings. The sport-specialized library and computer rooms are at the disposal of the guests. The campus also includes tennis courts, a track, a swimming pool and a gymnastics hall, which will also be at the disposal of the participants of the congress.

The University and the organizers of the congress plan to provide a program of activities which include sightseeing in Budapest and surrounding areas, a boat trip on the Danube and other cultural activities.

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Conference Information

October 21-23, 1998, Berlin (Germany)

Jewish Sport and Jewish Community

Organisers:
Free University of Berlin, Institute of Sport Sciences; Memorial and Educational Centre “House of the Wannsee-Conference”; Academy for Sports Leadership and Management of the German Sports Confederation Berlin

in cooperation with
The German Olympic Institute, Berlin and The Pierre Gildesgame Maccabi Sports Museum, Ramat Gan, Israel

At the end of the 19th century growing anti-Semitism and the rise of the Zionist movement led to the founding of separate Jewish clubs in the field of gymnastics and sports. In the decades that followed, Jewish gymnastics and sports organisations sprang up in many countries. However, these organisations pursued differing aims and were rooted in very different ways in Jewish culture and society. Nevertheless, at the centre of a debate dominated by the issues of anti-Semitism, Zionism, assimilation, and acculturation was above all the question of one’s individual position - both in sport and in society.

The occasion for holding discussions on the international history of Jewish sport within the framework of a scientific symposium is provided by the 100th anniversary of Bar Kochba Berlin, the first Jewish gymnastics club to be founded in Germany. Although Jewish gymnastics clubs had been founded in previous years - in Constantinople in 1895 and Philippopol/Plowdiv in 1897 - the founding of Bar Kochba Berlin marked a turning-point in Jewish sports culture since it contributed a major impetus to the creation of an international Jewish sports movement. Well into the 1930s members of Bar Kochba Berlin were among the leading representatives of the Jewish gymnastics movement and the Maccabi World Union which grew out of it in 1921.

The aim of the symposium is to highlight the different currents in Jewish sport against the backdrop of not only cultural and political but also regional and national differences: what united the Jewish sports movements and what divided them; and what they regarded as their particular role both in sport and within the Jewish community? Although the symposium will focus on Jewish sport in Europe, especially in the countries of eastern Europe, attention will also be devoted to other topics such as the significance of Jewish sport in the Diaspora for sports culture in Israel.

Main themes
The following topics will be addressed:
- Development, destruction and reorganisation: Jewish sports culture in Europe, especially in the countries of eastern Europe;
- Jewish sport and its significance in the relations between the Jewish community and the larger society around it;
- Between Zionism and assimilation: Jewish sportsmen and women and Jewish sports movements in Germany;
- Anti-Semitism in gymnastics and sport;
- Expulsion and resistance: Jewish sport and Jewish sportsmen and women under the National Socialists;
- Jewish women in sport;
- The experience of Jewish sportsmen and women after emigrating;
- From Jewish gymnastics to Israeli sport - the origins and development of sport in Israel;
- Proletarian and international: Jewish working-class sport.

Conference languages: German and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

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November 18-21, 1998, London (UK)
The International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University and the Sir Robert Menzies Centre for Australian Studies at the University of London are planning a conference comparing sport, both historically and today, in Australia and Britain. It is scheduled for 18-21 November 1998 in London. Costs, including accommodation and the conference dinner, are not anticipated to be over £200 and may be less if sufficient sponsorship can be obtained. Sessions are planned on: the international mobility of sports persons; ownership and control of sport; comparing the Sydney Olympics and the Manchester Commonwealth Games; crowd behaviour; gender; ethnic minorities; the changing demography of sports participation. Anyone interested in presenting a paper should send brief details to:

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Conference Calendar

October 1-3, 1998, London, Ontario (Canada)
Fourth International Symposium for Olympic Research
Theme: Global and Cultural Critique - Problematising the Olympic Games
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Second week of October, 1998, Novi Sad (Yugoslavia)
6th Congress of the Balkan Association of the History of Physical Education and Sport
Topics:
a) Physical education in schools in 19th and 20th century
b) First members of the Olympic Committee from Balkan countries and their contribution to the development of the spirit of the Olympics
c) Free choice topic.
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October 28-30, 1998, Bordeaux (France)
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November 11-18, 1998, Bled (Slovenia)
Sport-Health-Old Age
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Last week of November, 1998, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
Vith Brazilian Congress of History of Sport, Leisure and Physical Education
Theme: Strategies to develop the research in History of sport, leisure and physical education in Brazil
Promotion: Gama Filho University - Rio de Janeiro
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December 2 - 6, 1998, Copenhagen (Denmark)
European Committee for the History of Sport (CESH)
Third Seminar of the History of Sport in Europe
Theme: The History of Educational Institutions, Physical Education and Sport
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The 2nd World Festival of Traditional Sports and Games (in Bangkok from 10th to 14th December 1996) was organized on behalf of TAFISA (Taim and Fitness International Sport for All Association) by the Thai Sports Authority under the patronage of the Director General of UNESCO, Hon. Frederico Major. In connection with this Festival a Scientific Congress was staged which consisted of different sections and was the outcome of cooperation between ISHPES (International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport), TAFISA, ICSSPE (International Council for Sport, Sport Science and Physical Education) and ASFAA (Asiaia Sports for All Association). The local organizers were the Thai Sports Authority and Kasetsart University. ISHPES selected the keynotes speakers and the papers dealing with traditional games while TAFISA and ASFAA were responsible for the contributions on „Sport for All“.

250 participants from 30 countries attended this Scientific Encounter. The speakers, researchers as well as directors of national programmes presented information and ideas, views and perspectives from 12 different countries.

Four of the main speakers selected by ISHPES gave an overview of definitions, scientific approaches, theories, meanings and problems of traditional games in different cultures and regions. In addition, the role of traditional games in the modern world played an important part in the presentations. Papers which combined a sport historical perspective with a theoretical approach have been specially selected for this issue.

During the conference discussions on traditional sports and games were held and a questionnaire was distributed in order to obtain information about opportunities for and problems of traditional sports in different countries and regions.

One of the main demands of the participants was the need to spread information about important issues, about tendencies and practices, problems and strategies. This volume of JCPES gives an overview of important topics in the scientific discourse on traditional sports and hopes to encourage the scientific community not only to take part in the reflections and discussions but also help to preserve traditional physical activities.

Contributions:
The Reinvention of Tradition in Sports and Games (Roland Renso);
Research on traditional games - the scientific perspective (Gertrud Pfister);
Traditional leisure-time activities in developing countries (Michael Slater);
Traditional games in industrialized countries (Jürgen Palm);
Modernization Theory and the Traditional Sporting Practices of Native People in Eastern Canada (Colin D. Howell/Christopher Fletcher);
Running for the continuance of the world. The long race performed by Brazilian Canela Indians, regarded from an emic view (Jakob Mehringer/Jürgen Dieckert).
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