



November - December 2008

□ Preface from the President



ISF in full working order

At Loches in 2008 in France we saw the launch of a new dynamism within ISF.

Our aims are simple and were summarised as:

- The exemplary organisation of all our Schools World Championships
- A just spread of world schools events across all 5 continents
- Identification of the official structural line of responsibility for school sport in each member country
- The harmonisation of official general and technical formats of all ISF sports disciplines.

Following a seminar, ideal in both the numbers participating and in the standard of the work achieved, ISF has created a real strategy for the future.

To this we add our decision to maintain our administrative independence and our autonomy from any and all national federations.

All eyes now in the 2009 Gymnasiade in DOHA in QATAR.

ISF... a single purpose, a sole passion, such one family.

We are united by our commitment to school sport.

Let us come together to meet the challenges which await us.

Jean Louis Boujon
ISF President

□ Sponsors

A new partner within the ISF family

Patricia DELESQUE, ISF Communications Director

During the closing of the ISF Technical Commissions Seminar, which was held in Loches, France, in October, a contract of partnership was signed with the company FERRERO INTERNATIONAL in the presence of all of the participants and Mr Alberto DONNINI, marketing responsible for KINDER+Sport ITALY, Mr Christophe BOURDIN, French head of foreign relations, and Mr Gilles CASTELLO, marketing manager for KINDER+Sport FRANCE.

The FERRERO Group, an international group which manufactures and commercialises confectionery products via the KINDER+Sport project, gets involved in the sporting activities of young people by helping them to participate in sporting events. The Group also provides financial and material support to sports associations and federations which nurture young talent.

This contract should impact on the ISF World Events from April 2009 and particularly in favour of developing countries which would like to participate in ISF events, one of the principal axes of the partnership contract which aims to help these countries in solidarity.



□ In the spotlight

The ISF Secretariat will move into another office



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Huis van de Sport

ISF Technical Commissions Seminar / 2008

Norbert KEVER, ISF Executive Director

In the small picturesque medieval town of Loches/France, UNSS (National School Sport Union of France) organised the



□ The Technical Commissions' Diary

Football news about the Technical Commission

Hasan CEYLAN, TC Football president



I became a member of the ISF Technical Commission (TC) Football in 1997. Since then I participated in several meetings and tournaments. But the EC and TC meetings in Loches, France were a real milestone for ISF and myself. I chaired Football TC for the first time after Knud Hansen who was the president of this commission for 26 years.

It was also a milestone for ISF, because a lot of important meetings were held to improve the working standards of the committees. The friendly but professional approaches of the EC members brought me to the point that the ISF in near future will bring the world students even closer than before.

We are looking forward to host the countries for football in Antalya, Turkey. We have already covered most of the preparations to make their stay an unforgettable experience.

Swimming news about the Technical Commission

Claire TURNER, TC Swimming president

I became president of ISF Technical Commission for swimming in April of this year and I soon began to revise some of the technical specifications for the Gymnasiade to be held in Qatar in December 2009.

I also liaised closely with Puerto Rico, the host country for the Swim Cup in 2009 to ensure the technical details in bulletins.

However, the highlights of my role so far have included my ISF pre-visit to the amazing country of Puerto Rico and the TC seminar which was held in Loches, France.

I particularly enjoyed working with my TC members and I found it a very valuable few days for planning future ISF events and for revising technical regulations for ISF competitions.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few months as president of the TC for swimming and I am looking forward to a very busy year in 2009 when I will be residing over the organisation of the ISF Swim Cup and the swimming competition at the ISF Gymnasiade.

quadrennial ISF Technical Commissions Seminar from Wednesday 14th until Saturday 18th October 2008.

Since Greece for internal reasons had to renounce the organisation this year, France took over this time. A total of 63 members from the 11 Technical Commissions (including all TC presidents) and the newly created provisional TC tennis participated. Working sessions with the following topics took place:

Topic 1: Role and modus operandi of TCs: rights and duties of Presidents and members of TCs. Definition of remit and tasks of each TC member / TC Presidents.

Topic 2: Harmonisation of competitions by activity (sports) groups

Topic 3: Publication of a Sport Specific Manual (SSM) for each discipline by each TC

Topic 4: Development of a long-term schedule for world championships and other major ISF events

Two lectures closed the working sessions, Gunter Pilz, professor at the University of Hannover/Germany discussed the theme "Fair Play or victory?" and Jean-Louis Boujon, UNSS Director presented "the organisation of school sport in France".

The Seminar ended with the summing up of conclusions, the official closing being attended by the ISF Executive Committee members.



Seminar Centre 'Moulin des Cordeliers' - Loches/France

A particularly interesting and well balanced socio-cultural program next to the intensive working sessions provided an appreciated compensation.

All participants were very satisfied with the outcome of the Seminar. The final results would be published after having been analysed and processed by the Steering Committee and approved by the EC.

Presentation of the Raymond Defever Trophy

Reingard ANEWANTER, ISF Continental Vice-president Europe

For its long time commitment to the ideas of the ISF, Austria has been awarded the Raymond Defever Trophy- an award that we felt very pleased and proud about.

This trophy is awarded to member countries for their remarkable activities in previous years and for their contribution to the origins and the development of the ISF.

The Trophy was brought into live in honour to the memory of Raymond Defever who had been a member of the International School Sport Federation from its establishment on (Technical Commission, Executive Committee and Secretary General). This trophy, that is being transmitted from country to country, has so far been awarded to Italy, Belgium/Flanders, Greece and China.



A photo taken on my pre-visit to Puerto Rico at the Natatorium, in the company of Fernando Delgado, TC member (left) and Freddie Sanchez, Continental Vice-president America (right).

□ Preliminary visits

Preliminary visit of the World Cup Swimming for Schools (Swim-Cup) at San Juan / Puerto Rico in April 2009
Guy FUSENIG, ISF Treasurer

The next Swim-Cup will be held from 25th to 29th April 2009 at the Natatorium (50-meter pool) in the city of San Juan.



The preliminary visit was made in September by Guy Fusenig / ISF Treasurer and Claire Turner / president Technical Commission (TC) Swimming.

The local person responsible for visiting the sports venue and hotels (4 stars and at a short distance from the pool) and for the preparation of the Swim-Cup logistics was the ISF Continental Vice-President, Freddie Sanchez.

He was assisted by Fernando Delgado, member of the ISF TC Swimming and of officials of the Puerto Rican Convention Bureau.

After three days of intensive preparatory work, it should be noted that serious steps are taken for the organisation of the Swim-Cup and that the requirements of the ISF specifications would be respected, so a successful event is to be expected. The organisers around Freddie Sanchez have all guarantees of the public authorities to ensure an ISF organisation worthy of its name.

Preliminary visit of the World Schools Championship Orienteering at Madrid / Spain in April 2009
Johan FAVEERE, ISF delegate

The preliminary visit took place on 26th May 2008.

The organising city will officially be the city of Madrid but the different orienteering competitions will be organised in and near



This year the President of the ISF, Jean-Louis Boujon, handed over the Raymond Defever Trophy to the head of department Mrs. Mag. Heidrun Strohmeier (representing the Federal Minister Mrs. Dr. Claudia Schmied) on 30 September 2008 in the course of a ceremony at the Austrian Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture.

High-level members of the ISF delegation were present on that occasion: Vice-President Andrea Delpin, Secretary General Jan Coolen, Director of Communications Patricia Delesque, Executive Director Norbert Kever and the President's adviser Johan Faveere. Furthermore, representatives of the host country among whom the former ISF President Norbert Bayer and Austrian representatives in the ISF Technical Commissions as well as a string quartet contributed to a worthy atmosphere.

□ At the heart of events

National Education Campaign on Olympics
YANG Guiren, ISF Continental Vice-President Asia

The Olympic Games is a gathering of the Olympic Family and a grand event of the exchange of multi cultures.

It is of far-reaching significance for teenagers to open up their international vision and cultivate their awareness of comprehensive international affairs, thus helping them to become advocates of a peaceful world and engage in equal exchange of multi cultures.

Hosting the Olympic Games also works to encourage the students to be more involved into the various sports activities and preserve the cultural heritage of the Games.

Taking the precious opportunity of holding the Olympic Games, Ministry of Education of China launched National Education Campaign on Olympics since the country won the hosting bid for the 2008 Olympic Games on July 13, 2001.

The campaign successfully integrated Olympic education into school's normal education, using the school curriculums to improve education on Olympics and established "an Olympic education mode based on schools".

According to the latest MOE statistics, in the past seven years, about 400 million Chinese young people, especially 230 million primary and secondary students have involved into the campaign.

by the city of Alcala de Henares. The maps are based on the IOF regulations (scale 1 :10.000, 5 m contours). The electronic control system SPORT IDENT will be used.

The opening ceremony and closing ceremony will take place at the central place of the city of Alcala de Henares which is also the native city from some renowned persons as Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quichote. The town is situated in the province of Madrid (Autonomic Community of Madrid) and has 200.000 inhabitants. The city has the honour to be nominated in the World Patrimony of the UNESCO since 1998.

During the cultural program the OC will organise a visit to the city of Madrid in different groups. The visit of « Bernabeu » stadium (Real Madrid) is one of the possibilities.



Provisional program

- 11 April** Arrival of the ISF Delegate, TC president and the TC members
- 14 April** Arrival and accreditation of teams
- 15 April** Training, model event, coaches and heads of delegation meeting, Opening Ceremony, draw starting order and general instructions.
- 16 April** Long Distance race, Prize-giving Ceremony
- 17 April** Cultural Tour.
- 18 April** Middle Distance race, Prize-giving Ceremony, Cultural Evening & Tourist Fair
- 19 April** Friendship Team Event, Prize-giving Ceremony (team results), Closing Ceremony, Farewell Party.
- 20 April** Departure of delegations



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□ Calendar

November - December

- 12 november **"A Priority for Your Health" project**
Paris / France
- 23 - 26 November **Preliminary visit Gymnasiade Meeting Steering Committee**
Doha / Qatar

□ Dialogue

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