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Thanks to Hosts of ISCA Congress and General Assembly 2007

I wish to thank the many volunteers who have assisted the ISCA Congress and General Assembly 2007. Our volunteers come in many forms and serve in a wide range of functions including Boards, Committees, Working Groups, Event Organizing Teams, Secretariat Personnel, etc. ISCA is an active and outcome oriented organization thanks to our enthusiastic and capable individual volunteers.

N. Shanmugarajah has been volunteering for ISCA as the Asia Continental Committee Chairman. It is in this capacity that he serves on the ISCA Executive Committee. Mr. Shan has been responsible for intercultural learning and development of cross-border experiences for many groups of sportsmen and women visiting Malaysia in the past years. He has also been a good advocate of Malaysia as a destination for the ISCA Congress and General Assembly. It is the good work of Mr. Shan that grants Malaysia the privilege of being the first Asian host of an ISCA Congress and General Assembly.

Mr. Shan has received considerable assistance from the National Fitness Council (NFC) and its staff. The practical organizing and hosting of the Congress by NFC is done in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Unity and Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

I wish to thank all these organizing hosts along with the wonderful volunteers of Malaya University for accepting the task and challenge of the ISCA Congress and General Assembly 2007.

Thank you very much,

Anders Bülow
ISCA President

Introduction from the President

Dear Friends and Supporters of ISCA,

After 10 years as ISCA President, I have decided not to stand for re-election at the ISCA General Assembly 2007.

It has been 10 interesting years where I have felt very privileged to work with ISCA - both internally with members, the Executive Committee, staff members and externally with partners and political relations. I am looking back at many hours of good company with ISCA friends all around the world and many wonderful memories are in my mind.

ISCA has experienced progress and development during my presidency and I feel that it is now time to put a new person in the leading chair of ISCA. While this decision is not new for me, it has been difficult. I know this is the right decision for me and for ISCA. It is my personal view that 10 years is long enough in such a position and I feel proud to give the responsibility to a new person.

This Delegate File summarizes the activities and achievements of ISCA since 2006. The information here reflects the continued growth, development, recognition and significance of the autonomous Sport for All movement.

I hope, in this Delegate File, you can see your organization's contribution and cooperation towards a stronger Sport for All movement. I am sure there is open opportunity for all of us!

Yours in Sport and Culture,

Anders Bülow, President

Programme

ISCA General Assembly

Thursday 25 October 2007, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

AGENDA

Time 09.00 – 09.30

1. Opening of the General Assembly 2007 and welcome by the President of ISCA, Mr Anders Bülow
2. Election of two chairpersons for the General Assembly
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of new members

Time 9.30 – 11.00

5. Committee Reports, Work Plans and Strategies
The written reports in the Delegate File can be assisted by short oral presentations.
 - 5.1 Continental Committees
 - 5.1.1 European Continental Committee by Mr Herbert Hartmann.
 - 5.1.2 Latin American Continental Committee by Ms Elizabeth Paoliello
 - 5.1.3 Asian Continental Committee by Mr Shanmugarajah
 - 5.2 Other committees presented by chairpersons or representatives of the committees:
 - 5.2.1 General Gymnastics Committee
 - 5.2.2 Badminton for All Committee
 - 5.2.3 Dance, Music & Folklore Committee
 - 5.2.4 ISCA Youth Committee
6. Report of the Secretary General
Including accounts for 2006 and budgets 2007 and 2008

Time 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

Time 11.30 – 13.00

7. Report by the President

Followed by comments and discussion.

Time 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

8. Proposal for changes of Statutes
 Proposals from the Executive Committee
9. Proposals from members
10. Invitations from members

Time 15.00

11. Elections
- 11.1 Election of President
 Anders Bülow - not standing for re-election
- 11.2 Election of Vice President
 Elizabeth Paoliello Unicamp Brazil stands for re-election
- 11.3 Executive Committee members
 Jean Claude Arnaud, USEP, France
 Oldrich Lomecky, Sokol, Czech Republic

Time 16.30

12. Miscellaneous
13. Closure of the General Assembly 2007

European Continental Committee

General Assembly 2007 - Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia

The current ISCA European Continental Committee (ECC) was elected in 2004 at the General Assembly in Copenhagen and has been acting continuously with following members:

Alberto Antas de Barros – INATEL, Portugal
 Jean Claude Besnard – UFOLEP, France
 Herbert Hartmann – DTB, Germany (Chairman)
 Mogens Kirkeby – ISCA, Secretary General
 Henrik Jensen – DGI, Danmark
 Rado Svetek – SUS, Slovenia
 Massimo Tossini – UISP, Italy
 Dick Wijte – NKS, Netherland
 Millar Stoddard – SALSC, Scotland (Associated Member)

Since my last report about our activities at the General Assembly 2006 in Portoroz (Slovenia) the ECC has had only one meeting. It was organised at the beginning of December 2006 during the Blume Festival in Gran Canaria. Even if this fact may give the impression that ECC has become a little bit lazy, we can claim that a lot of background activities took place, initiated through the stimulation based on our programmes, we've outlined the years before. I would like to remind preliminary on 3 important topics

The ISCA Health Programme

Since we've outlined the first draft of this programme in 2005 it has become the most important issue in ISCA's development strategy, and plenty of activities had been carried out meanwhile. This programme is in full swing. It has obtained recognition from different international health related organisations (e.g. WHO, EU-SANCO, EU Health and Diet Platform), and ISCA has been invited to different important events to present this programme and to get involved in the international health care network. On the other hand some ISCA members took the challenge to develop own national projects in this field of action and to cooperate with other ISCA members. Under the leadership of ISCA several members had applied for two EU projects in this field of action. One of two main sections of the first European Sport for All Congress in Portoroz was dedicated to this topic. And at the ISCA World Congress 2007 it will be again one of the main topics. Last April we have organised an International Seminar in co-operation with CESS.

In the meantime this programme has turned out to be too extensive for the ECC and the Executive Committee decided to release ECC from the direct work and to establish a separate working structure.

The Active Senior Programme

This topic has been developed to a long-term programme as well and is structured in a similar way like the "Health Care Programme". We have now finished the description of the "Senior Programme and we would like to invite all ISCA members, interested in this field of action, to participate in this programme. A working group is active to initiate concrete measures to realise some aspects of this programme.

Integration Through Sport

ECC has also started to discuss this important topic. Integration of ethnic minorities has become one of the most demanding social-political challenges in our European societies. Sport can contribute to the process of integration in a very practical and direct way. Sport activities had been used already since a long time successful for the aims of integration in many projects and programmes.

For some of our ISCA members the topic of "Integration through sport" has been already on the agenda and they launched different projects and programmes in this field of action. We suggest outlining also a special ISCA programme.

Even if we did not outline such a programme until now, we contributed already on the international platform to the running political discussion. General secretary Mogens Kirkeby presented a lecture at the EU Congress on "Integration Through Sport" last January in Stuttgart; and myself participated in the EU Equality Summit in February 2007 in Berlin.

Even if the direct activities of the ECC in total had been not very numerous, we can be satisfied that our former stimulation for dealing with important development topics have found a fertile soil. Our suggestions have been pursued through single persons or small groups, some led to applications for projects and to national and/or cross-border activities.

Experiences and future perspectives for the ECC working process

In my annual report at the last General Assembly I made already some hidden critical remarks regarding our assessment of the working procedures and the outcome of our work in the ECC. At the last meeting of the ECC we evaluated our work by discussing following questions:

- Are you satisfied with the result of our work?
- Are you satisfied with appreciation of our work?
- Are you satisfied with your position as a member?
- Are you satisfied with appreciation from your own organisation?
- Are you satisfied with our working methods?

The answers on all questions were "Yes" and "No".

We think we succeeded in contributing with our work

- To identify and to recognize important topics for the future development of Sport for All in Europe.
- To develop some important programmes (Health Programme; Active Seniors Programme).
- To get recognition from outside GO and NGO organisations.

We have not yet succeeded

- To put our programmes into practice for the benefits of our members.
- To get their interest and commitment.

We look also critically on the internal working process inside the committee

- The distribution of responsibilities on 3 working groups was not as effective as we thought at the beginning.
- The members have namely a more general idea about the necessity for future development projects, mainly based on experiences in their home organisation. But they are not experts in specific topics and strategically planning.
- The commitment of the organisations, our members represent, was not as active as we wanted. And we should question, whether they have had enough influence to get their commitment.

Finally there are two open questions, which have not been answered:

- How can we get more efficiency and better results to assist the development of SfA in our member organisations?
- Do we really need an ECC for this objective? Or can we find better instruments? Or do we need to change the tasks for ECC?

My personal suggestion for short-term measures

Realisation of our programmes cannot be a task of ECC any longer. We need small working groups of experts with experience in implementation. We need a new approach for direct and regular communication with our key members in Europe, to bind them to our activities. We need more information about the situation of our members inside their national sport-system, about their organisational structure, their main activities, about their needs and perspectives for the future, their expectations towards ISCA etc. We should draw up a concept for a direct dialogue with our key members on development perspectives. This dialogue should be based on a structured questionnaire. ECC members and EC members should visit the member organisation and meet responsible board members.

This "Study Tour" should result in an evaluation document, which will give us a much more clear and realistic picture what to do and how to do in the next working period, both for ECC (if still existing) and EC strategy.

At the next General Assembly we should have an open discussion on disbanding ECC or rather establishing another kind of committee or assembly (e.g. a yearly conference on SFA development in Europe).

We hope to be able to face those questions during our General Assembly and to find good solutions.

Finally I would like to thank all my colleagues in the ECC for their substantial contribution and for our trusting cooperation. But our success and progress would not have been possible without the superb support from the secretariat and the staff in Copenhagen.

Sincere thanks!

Herbert Hartmann

Latin American Continental Committee

General Assembly – Kuala Lumpur – Malaysia 25 – 28 October 2007

Activities from November 2006 to October 2007

Visit to Uruguay

On November 2006, ISCA was invited to the celebration of 250 years anniversary of Paysandú in Uruguay, with an interesting sport and cultural programme, which included a gymnastics meeting with many different teams from Uruguay. It was also an opportunity for the Sport Department of Paysandú to join ISCA as a member organization.

IYLE - International Youth Leader Education Programme

From August 2006 to December 2007, 27 youngsters from Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica and Uruguay) attended the International Youth Leader Education Programme at the Academy of Physical Education in Ollerup and the Gymnastics and Sports Folk High School in Viborg in Denmark.

Co- Mover Project

The Co-Mover campaign was created as a pilot project on voluntary work in sports and culture for all. It was designed to offer sports and leisure activities to children and adolescents from social institutions affiliated to FEAC Foundation. During Brazilian summer vacations, 14 volunteers, recruited by ISCA's Latin American Continental Committee and LAYC and trained by FEAC's voluntary department, offered activities sessions in Juggling, Capoeira, Dance, General Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Acrobatics, Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball in 12 workshops for 8 social institutions, totalizing 400 children and adolescents who had, in many cases for the first time, the experience of a different cultural and sporting activity. Most of the volunteers that acted in the pilot are former participants from the International Youth Leader Education and others from ISCA member organizations in Campinas - Brazil.

International Congress "Actividad física y Salud"

The "Fundación pro Deporte y Recreación Para Todos", with the support of COMPENSAR, promoted the International Congress of Health and Physical Activity on August 2007, in Bogotá – Colombia for 280 participants.

IV International Forum of General Gymnastics – 23 – 26 August 2007

The IV International Forum of General Gymnastics took place in Campinas - Brazil organized by SESC - Social Service of Commerce and the Physical Education Faculty of UNICAMP, supported by ISCA. Conferences, round tables and 86 researches in the area of General Gymnastics (posters, video-posters and pedagogical displays) were presented at the scientific program with 434 participants from 7 different countries. The pedagogical program included 35 courses and practical workshops with 880 participants, over 2000 gymnasts at 4 different Gymnastics Festivals.

During the Forum, 07 representatives from ISCA Latin American member organizations met to debate common ideas and future actions. The Latin American Youth Committee (LAYC) also had a meeting open to organizations interested to join the committee.

The Health and Physical Activity Seminar was part of the Forum program, organized for special guests (sports secretaries from different cities, researchers, politicians and managers from different SESC's centers). Herbert Hartmann presented the ISCA Health Program for more than 100 participants.

Gymnastics Team of Viborg – Tour to Colombia and Brazil

From October 3rd to 23rd the Elite Team of Viborg – Denmark, travelled to Colombia and Brazil making performances and workshops. The Latin American Committee assisted the team to organize the program in both countries where ISCA member organizations were the hosts. (Compensar, Fundación pro Deporte y Recreación Para Todos and SESC).

European Youth and Sport Forum 2007 in Bonn, Germany.

Ana Paula Sato, secretary of the Latin American Committee, attended the European Youth and Sport Forum, and stayed a few days at the ISCA office in Copenhagen.

LAYC – Latin America Youth Committee

A meeting took place in São Paulo, on June 30th 2007 with a conference: "Handicap and the overcoming movement" followed by working groups, to exchange experiences from their organizations and to discuss future projects. One of these projects is to organize a 10 years celebration meeting, with former students from IYLE in Latin America.

A few words...

After a long period of 6 years as the chairwoman for the Latin American Continental Committee, I will closure my participation in this position during this General Assembly. I would like to thank every Committee member for the support shown in every possible moment, in the most diverse initiatives and projects proposed.

To promote the principles of ISCA in Latin America has been, to me, both a big challenge and a great learning, besides the making of real big friends. I intend to continue my cooperation with the Committee to expand ISCA's contact net in the American continent, bringing the ideal of Sport and Culture for All to each and every country.

I also would like to thank the support from the Executive Committee members, the General Secretariat in Copenhagen and the Latin American Secretariat, impersonated by Ana Paula Sato and Luciano Truzzi, who worked hard to establish a continental secretariat, which is an important step to the development of ISCA in Latin America.

Elizabeth Paoliello
Chairwoman

Asian Continental Committee

General Assembly 2007 - Kuala Lumpur – Malaysia

REPORT 2006

1. The prime objective of the ISCA Asian Continental Committee is to promote the values of ISCA, increase its membership and create awareness among its members that valuable opportunities and benefits in sports and culture can be obtained through ISCA's international network.
2. ISCA Asia development and strengthening of different culture is clearly and achievement for ISCA and organization based on the idea of cultural diversity and focus on sport and culture.
3. The application by ISCA to European Union for financial support from Europe- Asia Youth Education Project (Youth leadership training camp in Malaysia) in connection with the ISCA Congress, 2007 was not successful. We will continue to apply for financial support again to the Europe Union for this project in 2008.
4. At the last Asian continental commission General Assembly that was held from 26 – 29 May 2005 in Hong Kong the following resolutions we adapted
 - 4.1 The activities of ISCA Asia should be focused on international education and training programs.
 - 4.2 ISCA should consider the option of establishing an ISCA university or an ISCA educational academy for academic, formal or informal accredited training program.
 - 4.3 Activities catering for youth, senior citizens and Sports & Culture Tourism should be encouraged.
 - 4.4 An ISCA Secretariat to be established in Asia.
 - 4.5 The Asian Continental Commission will promote the International Academy of Sport for All (IASFA) in Asia. It is hoped that IASFA will deliver international programs that will be of benefit to Asian members.
5. Young Children Basic Gymnastics Competition was held from 27th – 28th May 2006 in Beijing, China. Our President, Mr. Anders Bulow and myself participated in this event.

6. ISCA Asia with the support and cooperation with the National Fitness Council of Malaysia will organized the ISCA General Assembly and World Congress from 25th – 28th October, 2007 in Kuala Lumpur.
7. Miss Nor Zehan Razali from Malaysia participated in the International Youth Leaders Education (IYLEP) Program in Denmark from 15th August 2006 – 18th December 2006. The IYLEP is a positive Youth Education Program awarded to ISCA Asia Annually by ISCA. ISCA Asia members should make a serious effort to find suitable candidates for this program.
8. ISCA Asia has to increase its membership and attract more members from Cultural, Educational and Sport sectors. ISCA should implement more Asian based program and activities in ASIA and promote ISCA.
9. To consolidate and strengthen solidarity among ISCA Asia members, we must meet more frequently but we do not have such avenues. In Asia, we do not have Regional organizations such as European Union or Council of Europe which can assist ISCA Asia with Financial support for Specific Projects. In South East Asia we have the Association of South East Nations (ASEAN) but it does not have a treaty on Sports .
10. ISCA should allocate a specific budget to promote specific sports and cultural programs in Asia, annually.

Thank You.

N..Shanmugarajah,
Chairman,
ISCA Asia Committee.

ISCA General Gymnastics Committee

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From February 2006 the following members have been acting in the committee:

Elizabeth Paoliello – UNICAMP – Brazil - chairwoman

Birgitte Nielsen - DGI - Denmark

Anders Kragh Jespersen – DGI - Denmark

N. Shanmugarajah - SAGCON - Malaysia

Leeni Asola-Myllynen – Svoli - Finland

Pia Pauly – DTB - Germany

Herbert Hartmann - DTB - Germany

Mogens Kirkeby - ISCA

Miroslav Zitko - CASPV – Czech Republic

Jesus Telo - Club Deportivo BLUME – Spain

ISCA General Gymnastics Committee has as its main objectives to promote an understanding among people across borders through General Gymnastics and to encourage international participation in General Gymnastics among affiliated federations. To extend those objectives, the committee has been working to create and stimulate events and experiences in General Gymnastics, discuss and define policies both internally and multilaterally regarding to the political-economic institutions, develop international exchanges at seminars, conferences, training courses and festivals, disseminate relevant information and promote and develop actions with the objective of improving and preserving the health and integrity of individuals

The General Gymnastics Committee has been involved in the following areas

1. National and international festival

The potential of participation in international events are bigger than the existing participation. The committee has been discussing how to make it happen? How to promote open events? How to ensure the communication of event? How to ensure the quality of the event?

2. Educational events:

- Pilates Convention on Tour 2007
- IV International Forum of General Gymnastics – Campinas, Brazil - 2007

3. Educational programs:

- International Youth Leader Education. In cooperation with the Academy of Physical Education in Ollerup – Denmark, this program provides a significant number of scholarships for youngsters from all over the world.
- Healthcare and Health Promotion Through Physical Exercise and Sport. This ISCA activity program has as its overall measures to work to create awareness in the

population, about the importance of physical exercise and sports for healthcare and health promotion. Also to cooperate and to link up with other national and international organizations, working in the field of healthcare and health promotion, to share information and explore possibilities for cooperation. The discussion inside the committee is how to improve; knowledge-sharing, organisational development, educational services, etc.

- Educational Materials – The committee has been working to facilitate the access of educational material (books, manuals, dvds..) from ISCA member organizations, operating in the field of Gymnastics, to instructors and teachers from other organizations, contributing to their daily work.
- Proposal of extended European Continental Gymnastics Cooperation - A number of national gymnastic associations and ISCA members are located in Europe. Many of these national gymnastics associations have similar interests and are facing similar challenges in the future. A stronger cooperation between these associations could improve the development of the individual associations and strengthen the international cooperation within ISCA. A stronger focus on cooperation between European gymnastics associations is also seen as an opportunity to strengthen the general development of activities within ISCA General Gymnastics Committee.

Areas of cooperation - A number of similar trends and challenges are the reality for many national gymnastics associations and therefore areas, which could be subjects for an extended cooperation, like:

- Health and fitness oriented gymnastics
- Aesthetic and performance oriented gymnastics
- Organisation, leadership and facility development

A core group of 5-7 national general gymnastics organisations – with a starting point the European organisations in the General Gymnastics Committee - should be suggested and encouraged to such European Cooperation.

The proposal for the first introductory discussions is in Kuala Lumpur during the General Assembly.

Elizabeth Paoliello
Chairwoman

ISCA Badminton for All Committee

The ISCA Badminton for All Committee is an open committee for Sport for All organisations having an interest in badminton activities. The committee meets once a year for a one day ISCA Badminton Conference.

The annual Badminton Conference is the place to get inspiration and by partnerships develop as many badminton events as possible. Through participation in these conferences all participants can develop its own international badminton network. The hosting of the Badminton Conference every year shift between the member organisations.

We would like to encourage as many organisations as possible to join the annual badminton conferences.

The members of the ISCA Badminton for All Committee are organisations with different size, capacity and involvement in badminton. However, all organisations represented and badminton leaders participating in the Committee are enthusiast and dedicated to give as many badminton players and instructors international quality experiences.

The Badminton for All Committee has a rolling action plan including several activities. DGI Badminton has due to its strong involvement and capacity been able to organise and been financial responsible for some of the biggest events.

The ISCA secretariat support the committees work by circulating the news about the badminton events and cover meeting of the annual conference together with the host organisation.

The types of events that is developed and organised by the member organisations are:

- Festivals (Every 2nd year organised and hosted by DGI)
- Players Camps – various hosts
- Friendship tournaments – various hosts
- Cultural visits – bilateral agreements

The various types of events are targeting many different groups, such as different age groups and different level of skills.

Vision for the ISCA Badminton for All Committee

ISCA Badminton Committee aim to be the platform:

- creating network between badminton leaders and organisations

- where we discover a variety of badminton perspectives and ideas
- for development through international cooperation
- for partnership agreements

ISCA Badminton Festival 2007

A great success

(article from www.isca-web.org)

The 2007 ISCA Badminton Festival offered 4 days of badminton competitions, social and cultural events. It took place the 3rd time on the Easter weekend from the 5th to the 8th April in Copenhagen Denmark, hosted by the Danish Gymnastics and Sports Association (DGI).

Over 350 participants from Scotland, Iceland, Estonia, Latvia, Czech Republic and Denmark came together during these days to enjoy doing sport together and exchanging with other people.

The concept of this festival focuses on creating an atmosphere of intercultural exchange and cooperation; participating players can participate in single, doubles and in mixed international team competitions.

During the festival we interviewed some of our international guests in Copenhagen: Josef Novak and Jiri Egermaier from Czech Republic enjoyed especially the international atmosphere and the good talks they had with other participants.

After 4 days Jiri and Josef summarized: "This festival is soo great! Meeting so many nice people, doing sports and having fun together! We will definitely come back the next time! Thanks ISCA!"

Anarchali Mathyalakan and Morton Bøg Pedersen, two of the Danish player enjoyed as well the festival: "It impressed usa most, that it does not matter if you are young or old, if you are playing very good or if you are a beginner - The only thing that really matters to all the participants is the fun of doing sport together!"

Jesper Møller from Denmark and Ed Livingston from Scotland are another good example for the international dimension ISCA promotes through this festival: Jesper wearing the team shirt of his friend's team from North West Scotland: "We know each other for years, these kind of events gives us the possibility to meet and enjoy together!"

On the last day we meet these nice people from Iceland: Susanna Steinthorsdotter, Armann Steinar Gunnarsson and Kristijan Huldar described their impressions of the festival like this "Fantastic sport facitilities!", "Fun for young and old!" and "We will come back!"

The 2007 ISCA Badminton Festival has been a great success. We would like to thank all participants and the Danish Gymnastics and Sports Association (DGI) for the great support and hosting of this event.

IYLE Activity Report June 2006 till June 2007

European Voluntary Service

ISCA has a strong tradition of hosting young European volunteers at the Secretariat in Copenhagen. These volunteers have the opportunity to assist in youth project development and implementation. In 2006-2007 we have hosted Melanie Eichner (DTB-Germany) from 1 March until 1 October. We also hosted Tobias Martens (DSJ-Germany) from 1 August 2006 to 1 August 2007 and Saara-Sofia Sutela (Svoli-Finland) from 1 March 2007 to 1 October 2007. The contributions of the three volunteers have been significant for the continued development of our ongoing commitment to youth work and activities.

International Youth Leader Education Programme

ISCA's "Comprehensive Youth Training Programme" was specifically designed to integrate different 'education through sport' activities to achieve social integration and non-formal education among youth. The activities included camps, non-formal training courses, seminars and forums. The integration of these activities created a diverse yet cohesive programme that provided training, cooperation and information exchange among youth.

International Youth Leader Education in Danish Folk High Schools 2006 - Fall course

The "International Youth Leader Education in Danish Folk High Schools 2006 – Fall course" had 10 young European participants supported by the IYLE project. The programme was a 4-month respectively 9-months course at the Gymnastic Folk High School in Ollerup, Denmark with focus on intercultural youth leadership training. The programme alternated between theoretical and practical workshops and uses sport, youth, social and cultural activities as a tool for developing the personal skills of the youth leaders. It gives young people the opportunity to draw international inspiration, which can be translated to both, activities under local/national conditions and cooperation at an international level in the field of youth activities, as leisure, sport, social and cultural activities.

European Youth and Sport Forum 2006, "Youth - A Future for Sport in Europe", Pajulahti – Finland, 26th September to 1st of October 2006

100 young people from 32 countries presented their recommendations to the Finnish Ministry of Education and the European Commission.

From the 26th of September to the 1st of October ISCA in cooperation with SLU, SVOLI, Young Finland Association, ENGSO Youth and ISCA, brought together 100 young people from 32 European YOUTH programme countries to discuss how Youth can be the future for Sport in Europe. The outcome was a series of recommendations for future EU youth and sports policies, which were presented to representatives from the Finnish Ministry of Education, European Commission, SLU, ENGSO and ISCA.

The 6-day Forum took place in Pajulahti, Finland during the Finnish EU presidency and the EYSF2006 gave participants the opportunity to exchange opinions on the following three main topics:

- Active Citizenship;
- Health;
- Equality.

With a special outlook on creating new strategies for policy and civil society action, participants took part in a "Future Workshop" inspiring and empowering people to look beyond the usual prescribed solutions. Further participants had the opportunity to have a look at future trends in sports and health and get qualified expert lectures from Finnish experts in regard to the key topics. The Forum produced a set of recommendations, calls for action and good practices, which are attached to this report. These recommendations were during the Forum received by the above-mentioned institutions and one participant was invited to present the declaration to the European Sport Directors meeting a week after the end of the Forum. The sport ministers welcomed the engagement of the EYSF2006 and included the declaration to the produced working results of the Sport Directors meeting.

As a follow-up result of this innovative large-scale project, ISCA is pleased to announce that the EYSF2007 is organised by ISCA in cooperation with the DSJ, TuJu and ENGSO-Youth during the German EU presidency. The EYSF2007 takes place from the 17th to the 22nd of June 2007 in Bonn.

IYLE steering group meeting, Portoroz- Slovenia, 11th - 15th of October 2006

The steering group meeting was hosted in close cooperation with our Slovenian project partner SUS.

The Meeting had 3 main objectives:

1. The presentation of the IYLE project results to the 1st European Sport for All Congress;
2. The planning of the last activity in regard to the development of the networking capacity and the valorisation effect of the IYLE project and the youth network;
3. The outlook to the continuation of the project after the end of the 3 years support period by the EU Commission's YOUTH programme.

The presentation of the IYLE project to the congress audience was a great success and the interest it created in further cooperation was quite remarkable. The steering group concluded that some extra efforts need to be done in regard to the networking aspect and follow-up of the IYLE project participants. It was decided that the Seminar on "Open Source Youth Networking" should conclude the IYLE project events.

Further was decided that new projects such as VIVICITAS – cities on the move, should be supported and organisational capacities throughout Europe should be build. Last but not least the idea of the Open Source Youth Networking was born, which became the new framework of ISCA's youth work.

Seminar on "Open Source Youth Networking" 12-18 February 2007 - Oeiras, Portugal

ISCA organized in cooperation with INATEL, Portugal the "1st European Seminar on Open Source Youth Networking" which took place from 12th to 18th February 2007 in Oeiras, Portugal.

This seminar gathered 21 volunteers from 17 European countries who represented a large scope of voluntary engagements in society. The basic frame was to create networking strategies and frameworks for the cooperation of sport and social NGOs. Peers with experience in the fields of media, sport, society and policy developed together how to transfer open source and networking principles in to youth work and volunteering.

An open, exchange and interaction advancing, process encouraged the 18-27 years old participants over five days, how to network in modern information technology society, while interacting open source. The understanding of open source as social interaction and production model has been edged during this seminar: The participants experienced the advantages of an open interaction (in the context of open source understood as resources providing and sharing) and received tools to implement this model in their respective environment.

The follow-up process was web-based, focussing on up to date socializing models like communities as communicational concepts. Furthermore, the dialogue established through this seminar with the young peers actively involved in the next development steps of ISCA's YOURCE project, which aims to promote Web 2.0 and Open Source to promote "real-life" volunteerism.

The upcoming ISCA YOURCE conference from 9th-14th October 2007 in Copenhagen remains as next step in the YOURCE project. The involvement of peers from the participants group in the development process will favour the exploitation of seminar outcomes in a networking dialogue between youth volunteers and peers in the field of Web 2.0 during the YOURCE conference.

IYLE evaluation meeting, Rome - Italy, 2nd – 4th of March 2007

The evaluation meeting followed-up on the last steering group meeting of the IYLE project. Basically the new outcome from the Seminar on "Open Source Youth Networking" and the initiation of the YOURCE project that was one of the results of the seminar. Further a review of the project flow was made and some conclusions on the different cooperation levels were drawn. Some of those conclusions are as well reflected in the conclusion section of this report. New partnerships and application procedure for the YOURCE project was discussed. Further some input and practical arrangements for the European Youth and Sport Forum 2007 in Bonn in Cooperation with DTB and DSJ and ENGSO-Youth were made. It was clearly stated that the partnership with ENGSO-Youth especially in regard to the European Youth and Sport Forums is one of the positive outcomes of the IYLE project and will be continued for future EYSF events. Last but not

least the project secretariat was felicitated for the serious and coherent work done over the last 3 years.

ISCA Website – Youth Section

The renewal of ISCA's website and especially the youth section on the website was another important step in the communication of the events and results in regard to the International Youth Leader Education Programme. At the ISCA-Web you can find all information about ISCA and related news, programmes, events, member information and library of relevant materials. Please have a look at <http://isca-web.org/english/youth>

IYLE Training Manual

In the framework of the IYLE programme, we produce a training manual reflecting the experiences and the activities that have been implemented during our youth education events. These events are all set in the framework of non-formal education through sport and physical activity and the exercises deal with the following subjects: Democracy, participation and citizenship, environmental protection, health, intercultural learning, networking, project management. The manual will contain different sets of practical activities related to the above-mentioned themes, that youth leaders can use for implementation in their respective environment. Additionally the manual will provide a series of icebreakers games, group dynamic activities and evaluation methods. Further it is important to mention that the manual will contain a theoretical part that deals with the concept and methodology of non-formal education through sport.

Committee for Children's Activities

We organise in Paris the 16th on november 2006 a children's group meeting. It was the first time and USEP, UISP and UCEC participate. We discuss about three main aims:

- define an ISCA label for children's activities;
- built an annual calendar of events;

send an inquiry to all members of ISCA.

Next year, we think DGI and USEP would organise two important events for children. ISCA could give them its label and invite all its members which develop children's activities to participate.

Health and Health Promotion report 2006/2007

Barcelona Conference

60 participants from 10 European countries participated in the International Seminar on Health and Sport in Barcelona 19-21 April 2007. Speakers representing the corporate sector, universities, municipalities and sport for all organisations presented practical and newly launched "Health Sport" programmes and projects.

These national programmes represent a new trend within the sport for all organisations. Sport for all organisations are increasingly aware of and are responding to the current needs of their members within the field by offering health-oriented activities and projects.

"We see new partnerships like the example from Germany, where the health insurance company AOK, works together with the German Gymnastics Federation on Health Sport programmes. And I believe we will see much more of such programme and partnerships in the future", says ISCA Secretary General Mogens Kirkeby.

The event is organised in cooperation between:
CESS - European Confederation Sport and Health
ISCA - International Sport and Culture Association

Within the educational platform of International Academy for Sport for All - IASFA
The presentations and descriptions of presented "Health Sport" programme will be available online the 15 May.

PATHE

ISCA will together with our partners from USIP, SUS, USEP, and DGI in November 2007 commence the long awaited PATHE project. The project will run over the next 30 months and involves more than 20 organisations.

The increase of obesity among Europeans is cause for concern. Obesity creates additional burden on already strained public health systems. Stakeholders, i.e. the EU, WHO and national Ministries of Health, have increased focus on the need to combat obesity and raise awareness for healthier lifestyles. PATHE is designed to build on the infrastructure of national associations of physical activity that currently represent over 70 million Europeans. The two overall objectives of PATHE are A) support and strengthen Sport For All (SFA) organisations in the development of their own health and physical activity promotion campaigns and initiatives B) actively implement the EC White Paper "A Strategy for Europe on Nutrition, Overweight, and Obesity related health issues" into existing and planned national grassroots initiatives.

Specific Objectives include:

1) Organisational Awareness Raising

PATHE will raise awareness among SFA organisations via targeted input of select meetings, events and publications (annual meetings, world congress, thematic seminars, CultureSports Magazine, etc.) for ISCA European members. This objective fulfils the political mandate of the ISCA European Continental Committee (2005) which specifically stated that such a project (evt. PATHE) should raise awareness among ISCA members and other European organizations.

2) Organisational Twinning

PATHE will match partners (Associate) experienced in developing national 'health promotion through sport' campaigns with less experienced (Collaborative) partners that wish to develop national campaigns. Twinning will raise awareness among organisations as to the possibilities for fulfilling integrative approaches on lifestyles within the area of physical activity and health. Twinning will also encourage and support national populations to take responsibility for their own health, and to actively promote the choice of physical activity over a sedentary lifestyle.

3) Best Practice

PATHE will collect documentation of evidence from national initiatives to develop a best practice handbook for the dissemination of knowledge, best practice and lessons learnt. PATHE will also exchange collected evidence and experience on the development of national health and physical activity initiatives through the EC funded International Academy for Sports for All (IASFA).

4) Capacity Building

PATHE will strengthen and support SFA organisational capacity by initiating seminars (2) and consultations (20) to develop knowledge on health enhancing physical activity and goal oriented physical activity programmes. Consultancy expertise from the associate partners to collaborating partners will help organisations develop their own national health and physical activity campaigns.

Nordic Youth Association – Secretariat Report

Status report about NSU for ISCA General Assembly 2007

ISCA has since August 2004 hosted the Nordic Youth Associations (NSU) secretariat. NSU is an umbrella organisation working with youth organisations in the Nordic countries.

Major NSU activities in 2007

Events

NSU Leader Seminar, Denmark
 NSU Youth Training Course 2007, Finland
 NSU Youth Exchange Camp 2007, Sweden
 NSU Open air Camp 2007, Denmark
 Nordic Camp 4H 2007

Lobby and contact work

Nordic Council of Ministers
 Nordic Youth Committee
 Nordic Parliaments
 New Nordic partners

The Nordic Youth Associations, NSU is an umbrella organisation for 15 national youth organisations from the Nordic countries and adjacent areas, totalling more than 2 million individual members. Activities cover theatre, sport, music, handcrafts, competitions, and more. NSU offers youth training schools, youth exchange camps, seminars, information services and more in and outside the network.

NSU commits to value based activity, is socially committed, and non-partisan. NSU is working to preserve, create awareness about and further develop Nordic values and democratic traditions. NSU is a mouthpiece for the member organisations vis-a-vis the Nordic governments, Nordic Council, Nordic Council of Ministers, Nordic Youth Committee and other relevant bodies.

For further information, please contact the NSU Secretary General Mette Ravn at nsu@nsu.is

The NSU members

DENMARK

Danmarks 4H, www.danmarks4h.dk
 Danske Gymnastik- og Idrætsforeninger, DGI, www.dgi.dk
 Sydslesvigs danske Ungdomsforeninger, www.sdu.de

NORWAY

Norges Bygdeungdomslag, www.bygdeungdom.no

Noregs Ungdomslag, www.ungdomslag.no

Norsk Frilynt Ungdomsforbund, www.frilynt.no

4H Norge, www.4h.no

GREENLAND

Sorlak - Grønlands Ungdoms og Fællesråd, www.sorlak.gl

ICELAND

Ungmennafélag Íslands, UMFI, www.umfi.is

SWEDEN

Riksförbundet Sveriges 4H, www.4h.se

Jordbrukare-Ungdomens Förbund, www.juf.se

FINLAND

Finlands Svenska Ungdomsförbund FSU, www.fsu.fi

Finlands svenska 4H, www.fs4h.fi

Suomen 4H-liitto, www.4H-liitto.fi

Suomen Nuorisoseurojen Liitto, (Finlands Ungdoms Förbund), www.nuorisoseurat.fi

African Cooperation

ISCA is currently negotiating with the Sport and Development Platform (S&D Platform) in order to establish a complementary link of support between the two organizations. The S&D Platform, currently administered by the Swiss Academy for Development (SAD), provides online communication services to organizations from developing countries and organizations who are currently fulfilling projects in developing countries. The S&D Platform is governed by a Steering Group. ISCA has been invited to join the Steering Group. Current members of the Steering Group include:

- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)
- United Kingdom Sport Council (UK Sport)
- Nike, USA
- Norwegian Olympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF)
- Australian Sports Commission (ASC)

More information about their work can be found at www.sportanddev.org.

ISCA Environmental Commitments

An Abstract of the ISCA Environmental Report prepared for follow-up to the Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)

The story of humanity is closely linked to our co-existence with the environment and its fluctuations. Our societies have historically used ground, field, water, wildlife and natural resources to improve our lifestyle. Growth has proceeded with limited consideration for sustainable practices. The unsustainable use of natural resources has created a considerable inheritance for future generations. Now, our earth asks for the "bill". The "Environmental Commitments" report summarizes examples of what ISCA member organizations (non-governmental sport organizations) are doing to address their role in the changing climate and global warming.

The "bill" to be paid by our and future generations will require cooperation on a global scale. Such global cooperation is rarely seen on most societal issues. Climate change and global warming are two key parts of the 'bill' to be paid by us. Climate change and global warming are now scientific facts. Climate changes and global warming are demanding behaviour changes that is particularly challenging for poor populations to fulfil. More than one hundred islands of the Pacific Ocean have asked for political asylum because of the current and anticipated ocean level rise. Humans have contributed to the loss of more than 35 % of earth's natural biodiversity. Consumption of fossil resources, most notably oil, is on the rise. Changes of human behaviour are necessary for us to balance the impact of our natural resource consumption with needs of future generations.

"Sport for All" organizations have long been active in promoting social and behaviour changes on a mass scale. The responsibility of such organizations has included the environment and related issues. ISCA member organizations have taken up the challenge by launching an environmentally friendly approach where sport and nature are interrelated. Sport is generally understood for its appeal to masses of spectators. However, sport for all is known for its appeal to leisure and recreational sports men and women like you and me. Therefore, it is appropriate that ISCA members (with more than 30 million members worldwide) use their position to promote harmonious co-existence between sport and environment.

This report is not a "statement of advice" to be greener in our daily life. It is a global overview of environmental commitments of ISCA member organizations. While this report promotes existing commitments, the underlying purpose is to create a platform for environmental change among Sport for All associations and networks. This report follows the memorandum of understanding signed in 2003 between the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA) and the United Nation Environment Program (UNEP). ISCA is prepared to further lead and represent Sport for All associations in an international network that addresses sport and environment.

The associations profiled follow a similar way of thinking in regards of our planet. These 9 organizations are neither the most polluting nor the cleanest sport associations on earth. However, they are convinced that "thinking globally" and "acting locally" is a relevant approach for sport associations to have a positive impact on our environment. ISCA member organizations are aware that their initiatives may not be 100 % carbon neutral. However their efforts are significant attempts at balancing environmental protection and cultural experiences.

Commitments introduced in this report constitute a pool of ideas that show how "Sport For All" organizations can play an active role in the global environmental issue. ISCA counts more than one hundred members in the field of sport and culture for all. This report gives proof that environment can be taken into consideration by every kind of organization. However it should be noticed that these commitments represent less than 10% of total member organizations. This fact suggests that more work is needed to discover additional commitments as well as encourage organizations to take environmental friendly action. Thus, one of the many objectives of this report is to create change among ISCA member organizations.

Aware that a report is not enough to impulse action, ISCA, in the straight line of the objectives specified in the memorandum of understanding in 2003, will seek further cooperation with UNEP from 2007 forward. ISCA is prepared to further lead and represent Sport for All associations in an international network that addresses sport and environment. The environmental endeavours of ISCA will further promote its "JOYFULL SPIRIT" for sport, culture and nature for all.

Raphaël BOUJU
Project Officer

ISCA Sport & Tourism Network

ISCA has in the summer of 2007 investigated the possibilities of setting up a business structure within the ISCA network, this has resulted in a proposal for a business plan. There has been two main reasons to create the Business plan now:

1. A wide range of member organizations called for a network conceptualization of sport&tourism at the ISCA General Assembly held in Papendal (the Netherlands) 2005. A demand aroused to describe a movement from conceptualization and initiation to managing implementation and organizational aspects of a future network organization. This movement requires planning.
2. Partners must have a collective understanding of a future network organizations design, use, and value. The community of partners to engage in the network organization must agree on and document a common understanding to ensure that everyone is equally contributing in building a strong network organization.

The Business plan builds upon data collected from the tourism market, relevant literature and resource persons, member organizations and potential private partners. The objectives are to:

- Describe how market trends meet the vision of the network (conceptualization of ISCA member organisations).
- Establish a sustainable governance structure for the network.
- Establish a Network use and growth strategy
- Identify financing imperatives for the network.

The Business plan proposes the following vision as the foundation for the further evolution of a Sport & Tourism Network within ISCA:

"ISCA Sport&Tourism will through leisure and sport travels provide individuals and groups worldwide and added value to life".

ISCA and its partners will achieve the overall vision by establishing a network of shared information on services in regard to Sport&Tourism offers. Partners will support the access to, collection and sharing of offers through an ISCA coordinated business system. The overall vision has specific objectives:

1. Foster economic development and add to quality of life through Sport & Tourism activities.
2. Gather Partners to ensure a widest possible customer base and list of offers.
3. Encourage and develop strong networking and marketing as a foundation of the business structure.

4. Recruit and create sports, recreation and leisure opportunities for individuals and groups of people worldwide.
5. Provide individuals on all social levels an opportunity to travel and experience the world through sport, culture and events.
6. Increase the turnover for partners engaged by easier accessibility to ISCA member organizations list of offers.
7. The Business plan contains a set of strategies and proposals for coming partners, which are intended to strengthen the ISCA Sport&Tourism network operation, evolution, and growth, as it moves from a period of conceptualization and initiation to a period of managing implementation and eventually expansion.

Please find an abstract of the business plan available online at www.isca-web.org

ISCA Fundraising Summary

Dear ISCA Friends,

I am pleased to present a summary of income from fundraising activities of the ISCA Secretariat since 2006.

2006 was a record setting year for financial support to ISCA projects. This was made possible by the generous support of our equally important and diverse donors. 2007 brings a new multi-year project grant for the purpose of promoting health through activities of ISCA members. With this grant, we also see another new and significant development in fundraising activity since the founding of ISCA. The single largest donor to ISCA in the past four years has been the European Commission of the European Union. This milestone has been made possible by the ongoing general support of ISCA member DGI. From the inception of ISCA, DGI has been the largest single donor. The support of DGI remains vital as their support is 'unrestricted' which allows ISCA the flexibility to use the funds where they are most needed.

It should be reassuring for you to know that ISCA has been able to efficiently use its support over the years to find new streams of support and revenue. I look forward to continued cooperation and support from our donors and project partners. I also look forward to developing new partnerships and donor relations in the coming year.

Best regards,

Marvin Radford
ISCA Resource Development Officer

Project Title and Description	Request Amount	Granted	Use of Funds
General Support DGI 2006	180000	180000	General Support
General Support - Danish Ministry of Culture 2006	107000	107000	General Support
General Support - Council of Europe 2006.	9056	9056	General Support
Intercultural Dialogue – INDIE (proposed)	374000		
Comprehensive Youth Training Program (Completed in March 07)	273000	273000	Youth Project
Council of Europe - European Youth Foundation	16000	13000	Youth Training
(Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - FRESTA) Democratic Development Through Grass-Root Sport – (concluded in 07)	80000	95000	South East Europe
General Support - Danish Ministry of Culture 2007	107000	107000	General Support
Swiss Academy for Development Working Group - CARDS-South East Europe project (concluded in 07)	70000	70000	South East Europe
European Youth Foundation - Council of Europe. Vivicitta Youth Training 2008.	15000	14000	Youth
European Commission – Danish National Agency YOURCE Conference - Denmark	20000	20000	Youth
European Youth Foundation – Council of Europe. YOURCE Conference – Denmark 2007	14000	10000	Youth
European Commission - DG SANCO - ISCA Health Promotion (2006-2009)	310838	259000	Health Promotion
General Support - Council of Europe 2007.	10413	10413	General Support
General Support DGI 2007	180000	180000	General Support
Total	1.766.307	1.347.469	

* Membership fees represent approx 15.000 pr year

Additional Support/Sponsorship was received from the following:

- European Confederation of Sport and Health – CESS (1st European Sport for All Congress)
- European Non-Governmental Sports Organization – ENGSO Youth (European Youth and Sport Forum 2006)
- Finnish Gymnastics Federation – SVOLI (European Youth and Sport Forum 2006)
- Finnish Ministry of Education - (European Youth and Sport Forum 2006)
- Finnish Sports Federation – SLU (European Youth and Sport Forum 2006)
- Ollerup Academy of Physical Education (International Scholarships)
- Sports Union of Slovenia (1st European Sport for All Congress)
- Young Finland Association - (European Youth and Sport Forum 2006)

ISCA working method and process

1. Objectives

ISCA strives to assist members and the sector to:

- develop organisational
- develop programmes
- establish international cooperation and partnership.

2. Work method and process

Step 1. Identify area/topic of importance

Typically done by executive committee, Continental Committees or core members

Step 2. Create a position paper / describe the importance and motivate and inspire

The position paper represents the opinion of ISCA and has to be approved by the Executive Committee

Step 3. Identify the preliminary interest from members /sector.

This to test the interest of the identified area among the members. If the test is satisfactory, the Executive Committee can suggest to make a ISCA Network. If not the position paper is the final step.

Step 4. Create an ISCA – Network *

An ISCA Network is an open network for organisations with interest in the network topic. The primary objectives of the Network are to develop new knowledge, cooperation and partnership. The Network is lead by one or more organisations. The Network can operate and organise its work in the way the network participants find it most appropriate to reach its goals. The Network refers to the Executive Committee.

Step 5. Create a "Programme" **

A programme is a commitment of ISCA to produce specific services to the members and sector within the identified area and topic.

* Step 4. Creating an open Network

The network format represents the philosophy of openness within ISCA. The Network is seen as an open cooperation platform for development within the Network topic. The network should orientate its activities to ISCA's policy and development strategies. The Network is lead by the initiative of the network partners.

Managing the "Network":

- Network should formulate its goals and evaluate the progress of its work every year.

- One or more organisations have the Network coordination responsibility.
- The network partners should appoint one or more “spokespersons”
- The “Spokesperson(s)” should be the main relation to the ISCA Executive Committee.

** Step 5. Creating the “programme” details:

Establish “programme working group” (developer)

- 1-2 topic experts (internal or external)
- 2-4 key organisations (members or partners)

The “programme working group” develop and describe the programme.

The programme should be output oriented. Benefits and services to the interested members and sector should be clearly described. Such as:

- Consultancy
- Training
- Knowledge-sharing
- Etc.

Managing the “programme”:

The “programme working group” is restructured - more core programme partners are included if necessary. The “programme working group” change to be managing group instead of developer.

A programme management plan produced. It includes as minimum:

- Short-term output and goals
- Plan for Internal and external communication
- Service management
- Budget and finance plans (plan A and B depending on funding opportunities)
- Plan for evaluation (yearly)

3. ISCA Social Agenda

Based of the categories of the ISCA working method and process, we can describe our current status of activities within the ISCA Social Agenda.

Current ISCA topics status:

Health – step 5. Programme developed

Youth – step 5. Programme developed

General Gymnastics – step 4, including event and training offers

Badminton – step 4, including event and training offers.

Active Seniors – step 2. Position paper created. To enter step 3.

Children activities – step 1. To enter step 2.

Integration – step 2. To enter step 3.

Environment – step 1. (A proposal is announce to be sent to Executive Committee from UFOLEP, France)

President's Summary

ISCA Political Representation

ISCA has increased its political representation in order to match the growing demand for a strong voice in matters related to Sport for All development. Our political representation in 2006 has focused on key Governmental and Non-Governmental bodies that develop policy, implement thematically relevant initiatives and distribute funds for future development related to Sport for All. This summary offers a general overview of our efforts to represent the interests of our members, partners and supporters in the field of Sport for All.

United Nations final report on the International Year of Sport and Physical Education
ISCA has been included in the final report on the International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE 2005). Mr. Adolf Ogi presented the report to the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on 3 April 2006 at a Special Event at the United Nations Headquarters in New York attended by over 500 guests. The ceremony featured statements by the Secretary-General Kofi Annan, General Assembly President Jan Eliasson, Foreign Minister of Sweden, and top-ranked tennis player Roger Federer, who was appointed UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador prior to the event, among other dignitaries and world renowned athletes. You can see the report at www.un.org/sport2005/.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) platform to promote and develop traditional sports and games.

(Paris 13 March 2006, UNESCO Headquarters) ISCA participated in a collective consultation to create an international platform for the promotion and development of traditional sports and games.

European Commission Green Paper

Led by ISCA, several Sport for All organisations replied to the call for input to the Green Paper on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. Contributors included Federazione Italiana Aerobica e Fitness (FIAeF-SIAF), Unione Italiana Sport Per Tutti (UISP), Deutsche Sport Bund (DSB), Danish Gymnastics and Sports Association (DGI) and ISCA. The replies welcomed this initiative while calling for stronger recognition of the role of mass sport in improving and maintaining healthy societies.

Innovative Project Promoters Meeting in Bonn

From 5 - 7 September 2006, ISCA participated in the Innovative Project Promoters meeting in Bonn, organized by the European Commission and the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre. ISCA participation was related to our International Youth Leader Education project.

ISCA Members Nominated for World Health Organization (WHO) Award

ISCA nominated five member organizations for The WHO Counteracting Obesity Award. The members nominated are Danish Gymnastics and Sports Association (DGI) Praestoe and Storstrøms Amt; Sport Union of Slovenia (SUS); Deutsche Turner Bund (DTB); Union of Italian Sport for All (UISP); and Union Sportive de L'Enseignement du Premier Degre (USEP).

Informal Sports Ministers Meeting in Moscow 19-21 October 2006

ISCA participated in the Informal Sports Ministers Meeting in Moscow from 19-21 October 2006. As a non-governmental organization, ISCA has agreed to support the Council of Europe's Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS.)

WHO Ministerial Conference

The World Health Organisation (WHO) European Regional Office organized a Ministerial Conference on Counteracting Obesity 15-17 November 2006, hosted by the Turkish Government in Istanbul. ISCA presented its Health Programme at this Conference. In addition, ISCA was one of nine organizations that signed the Joint NGO Statement on the European Charter on Counteracting Obesity. The Statement can be viewed at <http://www.isca-web.org/statementngo.pdf>.

National Approaches to Intercultural Dialogue

ISCA was the Sport Expert on this research project of the European Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Bonn, Germany.

European Platform for Diet, Nutrition and Physical Activity

ISCA remains an active member of this international platform. The Platform meeting will, for the first time, focus on physical activity. ISCA has offered to coordinate the input of Platform members who are in the sport or physical activity sector. ISCA has also supported the new membership of CESS with whom we have a close cooperation.

Presentation of White Paper on Sport

ISCA members contributed to the development process for the EU White Paper on Sport. The White Paper was formally presented in Brussels on 8-9 October 2007. ISCA was represented and contributed input on behalf of ISCA members.

Member Services

The ISCA Secretariat has increased the quality and quantity of Member Services during 2006. These services are offered in an international context and are important for members who wish to:

- Stay connected to the Sport for All community;
- Be informed of opportunities for cooperation and exchange;
- Make offers of cooperation and exchange;
- Receive offers of non-formal education;
- Have access to consultation.

1st European Sport for All Congress 2006

The 1st European Sport for All Congress 2006 was a successful event that saw new levels of cooperation between international and national Sport for All organizations and associations. ISCA provided leadership and openness for this cooperation and we look forward to further development of future cooperative events. The Congress focused upon two main topics: Autonomy of European Sport for All and Health Care and Health Promotion through Sport. Ministers, Sport Directors, Presidents and Volunteers all provided important inspiration, content and insight for future development of Sport for All.

Communications

In communications, the Secretariat has produced 8 newsletters with each reaching over 200 organizations, 75 Governmental Ministries and 400 interested parties. CultureSports Magazine Number 6 "The Health Issue" focused on the relation between popular sport and societal health. ISCA has invested significant financial and human resources on the redevelopment of its website. This new site will be released in the first quarter of 2007. I am sure the new and improved site will provide more opportunities for communication to, through and between ISCA members and interested parties.

Consultation

In consultation, staff of the Secretariat have provided services to members in the areas of fundraising, organizational development, project development and strategies for contact making/exchanges. Consultations between member organizations who wish to share core competencies in specific areas have proved to be particularly innovative and inspirational.

Festivals and Open Invitation Events

ISCA has a history of sharing and promoting events that are open for international participation. There are two main event types that ISCA promotes. One, events open to ISCA members. Two, events open for general participation. Most events accept participants without requiring qualification. The following is a sample list of 2006 events (representing over 60,000 participants) that were promoted by ISCA and open to either ISCA members or general participants:

International SunSvoli Festival, on 8 - 11 June 2006 Tampere, Finland

Czech SLET Festival on 1 - 7 July 2006, Prague Czech Republic

DGI "Landstaevne" 2006 on 29 June to 2 July, Haderslev in Denmark

Punjab International Sport and Cultural Festival on 25 February to 5 March 2006

Blume Festival December 2006, Maspalomas, Gran Canaria, Spain

Blume Senior Festival December 2006, Maspalomas, Gran Canaria, Spain

International Children's Meetings 2006, organized by USEP

Union Sportive de l'Enseignement du Premier degree (USEP), France, organized 8 international children meetings in 2006. The meetings took place in different locations and different times during the year. After the ISCA festival in Villeneuve d'Asc in 1999, this is the second international sport event organized by USEP. About 2,500 participants (children aged 8-12) from France and abroad participated in various sport and cultural activities.

Festival of Youth and Health 2007, FIYHNC in partnership with ISCA organized a Festival of Youth and Health in New Caledonia, September 2007

Project Development, Management and Implementation

ISCA has been engaged in the development, management and implementation of projects that promote the development of Sport for All and its role in civil society development. Project work has proved to be a specific way of engaging ISCA members in international and cross-border experiences, thus increasing competence, inspiration and innovation in day-to-day organizational work. In that regard, ISCA maintains a special working relationship with the project development and management unit of the Italian Sport for All Union (UISP). ISCA has also received significant assistance from the Sports Union of Slovenia in facilitating the project "Democratic Development Through Grass-root Sport in South East Europe". Additional projects developed or running in 2006 include "International Youth Leader Education", "Health and Health Promotion Through Sport", and "International Academy of Sport for All".

ISCA-Network - Staying Active in Later Life

Like hardly another topic, aging has moved into focus of public interest. The population in our modern societies is gradually growing older. The age pyramid has changed due to higher life expectancy and lower birth rates. Very soon the majority of the living persons will be older than 40 years. No generation before in history had the chance to reach a lifespan as long as now. Improved health care, better nutrition, ongoing activities and involvement in social life had contributed for many more people to maintain a greater vitality and to reach a longer lifespan.

This progress in personal human life creates on the other hand social problems. Higher expenditures for pensions, explosively rising costs for health care, poverty and social isolation of parts of the "growing grey generation" are some characteristics which mark socio-political challenges regarding the living situation of senior citizens.

Both, the individual expectations and needs for a longer life and the social problems of the "growing grey generation" are demanding an intensive involvement of the sport movement for the target group of senior citizens. We know today through a lot of scientific researches and through personal reports on experiences given by senior citizens that manifold improvements to the quality of daily life of senior citizens can be achieved through physical exercises and sports.

But the substantiated benefits of regular sport involvement are in contradiction with the exercises adherence patterns of older adults. Until now less than 10% of people older than 60 years are involved in regular physical activities or sports.

On the background of this contradiction the past years have already seen numerous national and few international sport organisations, particularly in the area of <Sport for All>, taking up the challenge to contribute more to the well-being and quality of life of elderly people by particular projects and programmes.

Several ISCA members are also engaged in projects and programmes within this area of action and some want to get in. Due to former contacts and discussions within the ISCA European Continental Committee, who outlined a position paper on this topic, there seems to be the need for better cooperation, for exchange of experiences and knowledge and for common projects.

Therefore the German Gymnastic Federation (DTB) recommends setting up an ISCA Network - Staying Active in Later Life.

We would like to encourage all ISCA members, experienced and interested in this field of action, to join this network. If we get sufficient positive feedback to this proposal, we'll start with more concrete measures.

Pia Pauly

DTB-Director for General Gymnastic and sport development

International Environment Project

Context

After the report for the United Nations Environment Program in 2007 and even if some of the sports associations have already been involved for many years, it appears that, at the moment, there is no structure within ISCA to manage environmental projects. The Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2003 between ISCA and UNEP and also the Agenda 21 set up in 2001 by the International Olympics Comity opens the way for "environmental friendly practice of sports". The new strategic development plan of ISCA, through the world congress in Malaysia, could be the starting point for real ambitious projects where Sustainable Development relies on sports.

International Environment Executive Committee

For many years, ISCA member organizations set up many projects and became leaders in the fields of health, youth, education and social behaviours. All these commitments allowed ISCA member organizations to master skills, knowledge and experiences with regards to the Sports For All philosophy. For ten years now, environmental issues became a central focus for some of the sports organizations. In light of this status, as an organization dedicated to efforts to instigate greener sports practices, it seems now relevant to make an effort to bring together all these skills, experiences and knowledge, the purpose being to reach and involve the entire ISCA member organizations in the field of Sustainable Development. One of the best ways to fulfil these ambitions is to create an International Environment Executive Committees (IEEC) supported by ISCA.

Mission statement

In order to build the basement of the IEEC, it seems coherent and efficient to define three main and fundamental missions for this working group:

- Sharing and bringing together skills, knowledge, and experiences in order to create, among other things, an environment database
- Creating and producing communication tools in order to foster environmental awareness through sports
- Creating and defining green specifications (check list) and assigning a label to the sporting event, which respects this checklist.

ISCA member organizations are most welcome to give inputs in regards of these missions and to propose some new ones.

Why it should be done now?

- New strategy for ISCA after the World Congress in Kuala Lumpur
- Requested by different member organizations
- ISCA want to be in a leadership position
- One organization is ready to take the initiative towards the creation of this group.

Resources

This IEEC will be held two times a year and each association involved in this group will have to host the meeting in turns. The financial resources will come mostly from international and national funds raised by the sports association member of this group. The human resources available will be according to the different ISCA member organizations' interest. UFOLEP is ready to allocate one volunteer to coordinate and organize the work.

Conclusion

In the eventuality that both ISCA Executive Committee and ISCA member organizations give credits and high level priority to this project, UFOLEP will propose to welcome the first meeting of the IEEC in Paris on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. Further more UFOLEP will offer human and financial resources to run this first meeting.

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Going for an ISCA-Network

Health Care and Health Promotion

Alarming figures about increasing tendency for unhealthy populations because of lack of exercises had pushed the topic of health care and health promotion by means of physical activity on a top rank of the social-political agenda all over the world.

Apart from numerous programmes and actions undertaken by health-policy and professional health systems, the past few years have also seen national and international sports organisations, particularly in the area of "Sport for All", which have taken up the social political challenge and have offered to contribute to the keeping and furthering of health.

But we've to register that until now Sport for All organisations haven't got satisfying recognition as a reliable and competent partner by the medical health as well as by the public health system and also by health policy. We should also consider that too less Sport for All organisations have dedicated their internal policy really to quality controlled health care and health promotion initiatives.

After some international congresses and seminars, focussing health enhancing physical activity topics in organised sports, it has become obvious to make more efforts for a regular and organised exchange of knowledge and experiences in this field of action. Following the aims of its <Health Programme> ISCA is going to establish a network for health care and health promotion by means of physical activities. We would like to encourage all ISCA members, experienced and interested in health related physical activity programmes, to join this network.

During the ISCA World Congress 2007, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) 25th-28th October, we'll take the opportunity to organise a meeting discussing further details for an action-plan and to appoint a steering group. You're kindly invited to this meeting. If you'll not be able to join us over there, please let us know about your interest in this network. You'll be very welcome.

Herbert Hartmann
(ISCA vice-president)

ISCA Statutes

Title	§	Article
1. Name	1	The name of the organisation shall be: "International Sport and Culture Association".
2. Objectives	2	The objectives of the International Sport and Culture Association shall be:
	2.1	1. to promote an understanding between people across borders through sports and cultural activities;
	2.2	2. to stress the view of sport as a bearer of local, regional or national cultural identity and so placing it in the centre of international exchanges of ideas, views and social and cultural expressions
	2.3	3. to encourage the broadest possible participation in sporting and cultural activities among all affiliated members
	2.4	To further these objectives the Association shall pursue and encourage the following:
		a) creating or stimulating events and experiences - particularly on the sport for all level - for the ordinary members of the organisations adhering to the objectives of the Association;
		b) discussing and defining sports and cultural policies internally, multilaterally and with regard to politico-economic institutions;
		c) developing international exchanges, i.e. conferences, seminars, training courses, sports tournaments and festivals etc., with the view to strengthening the manifestation of sport in the present and future international cultural picture, and including the dissemination of relevant information.
		d) promoting and developing actions with the objective of improving and preserving the health and integrity of each individual.
3. Address of the Association	3	The venue of the Association shall be at the office address of the Association as decided by the Executive Committee.
4. Membership	4.1	Membership shall be open to non-governmental idealistic organisations and - where is no official NGO in that country - official government bodies which:-
		a) are engaged in sports and/or cultural activities;
		b) are local, regional, national and international bodies;

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	<p>c)</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p>	<p>are open to all without discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion or political affiliation;</p> <p>Membership of the Association may first be approved by the Executive Committee, subject to ratification by the next General Assembly.</p> <p>Approval and ratification of membership takes place at the beginning of the General Assembly. Immediately upon approval of membership by the General Assembly the new member will have full voting rights.</p> <p>Associate Membership of the Association may be granted to:</p> <p>a) organisations which do not fulfil the requirements for full Membership as set out above, with the exception of 4.1.c.</p> <p>b) organisations which <i>prefer</i> associate membership to full membership</p> <p>Associate Members will have no voting rights at the General Assembly.</p>
5. Executive Committee	<p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>The Association shall be governed, between General Assemblies, by an Executive Committee which is responsible to the General Assembly.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall consist of eight persons elected by the General Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President - Two Vice-Presidents - Five other members - The chairperson of each continental committee will also be part of the Executive Committee <p>In the case of a continental chairman being elected for the Executive Committee, a substitute delegate can be provided. The Youth Committee will appoint a spokesperson to partake in the meetings of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The eight elected Executive Committee members shall be elected for a period of four years by half every two years.</p> <p>Every second year there is a vote for the President, one Vice-</p>

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	5.4	President and two members or the other Vice-President and three members.
	5.5	The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year, with a minimum of four weeks written notice.
	5.6	<p>Quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be half the committee plus one person.</p> <p>As a Principle of striving towards a geographical balance:</p> <p>a) No country or organisation can have more than two members elected to the Executive Committee.</p>
	5.7	b) The President or any of the Vice-Presidents shall not represent the same <u>country</u> , <u>region</u> or <u>organisation</u> .
	5.8	<p>The Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees to assist in the work of the Association.</p> <p>Any member of the Executive Committee must be a member of an affiliated organisation.</p>
6. Continental Committees and general Sub-committees	6.1	The Executive Committee may set up (or establish) the Continental Committees and the Sub-committees to assist it in the work of the Association
	6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geographical Committees: one Committee per continent, as soon as the number of affiliated organisations is sufficient. - General Sub-Committees (such as Statutes, Policies and Finances, Public Relations and Marketing, Development...etc)
	6.3	The members of the Continental Committees are elected by the affiliated organisations members at the General Assembly of the continent for a four- year period as the Executive Committee; <i>each organisation having one vote.</i>
	6.4	In each continental committee, up to a maximum of five, one chairman is elected by the members of the Committee.
	6.5	All chairmen of the Continental Committees are members of the ISCA's Executive Committee.
	6.6	The ISCA's Executive Committee appoints the members and the chairmen of general Sub-Committees.

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	6.7	All decisions of the Sub-Committees must be communicated to the ISCA's Executive Committee by the appointed chairmen for approval.
	6.8	All Sub-Committees and Continental Committees are responsible to the Executive Committee.
	6.9	Each Continental Committee should meet certainly at least one month the ISCA's General Assembly.
7. General Assembly	7.1	The Executive Committee can appoint honorary members. The honorary member will be invited to participate in the Executive Committee meetings without voting right.
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	7.3	The General Assembly shall be the highest authority and governing body of the Association.
	7.4	The General Assembly shall convene each year before the end of June.
	7.5	Three months notice shall be given of the date and venue of the General Assembly.
	7.6	At the General Assembly affiliated member Organisations may be represented by up to five delegates, all of whom having speaking rights.
	7.7	Each affiliated member Organisation will have only one vote at the General Assembly.
	7.8	Observers or Associate Members may attend the General Assembly for observations only.
	7.9	Observers or Associate Members may only address the General Assembly at the discretion of the meeting.
	7.10	The General Assembly shall elect the Executive Committee.
	7.11	Nominations with acceptance by the nominal person of the position are valid only if they have been received by the President six weeks at least before the General Assembly
	7.12	
	7.13	The President must forward these nominations to all General Assembly delegates four weeks before the General Assembly.

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		<p>All elections shall be by secret ballot.</p> <p>The vote shall be single and non-transferable.</p> <p>7.14 If more than two candidates are nominated for the presidency, and no candidate receives a simple majority (more than 50 % of the vote cast) on the first count, the candidate with the least number of votes will be withdrawn from the ballot paper, and succeeding votes taken until one candidate reaches a simple majority.</p> <p>7.15</p> <p>7.16 If there is only one candidate nominated for a post, a vote shall be taken “for” or “against”. In the event of no valid nominations having been received or no nominee being elected, nominations from the floor will be accepted.</p> <p>7.17 In accordance with 5.3, the General Assembly shall vote in the following sequence for the posts of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the President - the Vice-Presidents - The members of the Executive Committee <p>7.18 Substitutions if required will be by co-option:</p> <p>7.19 Provided there is no conflict with Statute No. 5.6 (a) and (b), the person with the next highest vote at the last election for the position in question shall be co-opted to fill the vacant position on the Executive Committee, with the exception of the post of President which will be filled by the Executive Committee from its own ranks.</p> <p>7.20 The General Assembly shall appoint an Auditor. A recommendation will be made by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>7.21 The General Assembly shall receive reports from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the President - the Auditor, presented by the Executive Committee - and existing General Sub-Committees and Continental Committees <p>7.22</p> <p>Furthermore, the General Assembly shall decide on future programmes; adopt a budget; determine membership dues; carry</p>

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		<p>on any other business as per the agenda.</p> <p>Members of the Executive Committee shall have speaking rights at the General Assembly.</p> <p>Members of the Executive Committee shall not have voting rights at the General Assembly unless they are official delegates of their own organisation.</p>
8. Extraordinary General Assembly	8	An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be called by the President, if one third of the members or a majority of the Executive Committee make a written request to that effect.
9. Role and Duties of the President	9.1 9.2 9.3 9.4 9.5 9.6	<p>The President shall have the authority to speak on behalf of the Association, in as much as he/she is answerable to the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.</p> <p>The President will preside over all Executive Committee meetings and the General Assembly.</p> <p>The President will have the overall responsibility for the general running of the Association between Executive Committee meetings.</p> <p>The President determines the agenda for Executive Committee meetings and for the General Assembly.</p> <p>In case of parity of votes at either an Executive Committee meeting or a General Assembly, the President shall have the casting vote.</p> <p>The longest serving Vice-President within his or her election period shall deputise for the President in his absence and shall then carry out all functions normally undertaken by the President.</p>
10. Role and Duties of the Secretary-General	10.1 10.2 10.3	<p>The Executive Committee appoints a Secretary-General who, with reference to the President, is responsible for the running of the administration of the Association</p> <p>The Secretary-General will attend the meetings of the Executive Committee, but without voting rights.</p> <p>The Secretary-General will be responsible for keeping financial records.</p>
11. Working	11	For practical reasons the working language of the Association will

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Language		be English.
12. Membership Dues	12	Each member organisation shall pay an Annual Membership Fee, which will be decided upon and apportioned by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
13. General Financial Affairs	13	The income of the Association shall derive from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - membership dues; - contributions from institutions, organisations, persons or companies; - income-generating projects.
14. Observership or Membership of Other Organisations	14.1 14.2	A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is required to permit an observer role or membership of other international organisations. A positive decision by the Executive Committee on this matter will have to go before the next General Assembly for ratification.
15. Cessation of Membership	15.1 15.2 15.3	The membership of any organisation may be terminated by the Executive Committee if two-thirds of the members present and voting decide that the organisation has ceased to comply with the objectives or statutes of the Association. Such organisations will have a right of appeal to the next General Assembly. Notification of terminations and appeals must be forwarded to all members.
16. Modification of the Statutes	16.1 16.2 16.3 16.4 16.5	A statute can only be amended, added or deleted by a General or an Extraordinary General Assembly. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing for inclusion on the agenda of the General Assembly. Such proposals must be received by the President not less than two months before the General Assembly. The President must forward all proposed amendments etc. to the members not less than one month before the General Assembly. A proposal to amend, add or delete a statute can only be carried by at least 51% of the votes cast.

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17. Dissolution	17.1	The dissolution of the Association can only be pronounced by a General Assembly, or by an Extraordinary General Assembly called for this purpose.
	17.2	A two-thirds majority of the members present and voting is required for dissolution.
	17.3	The Assembly shall decide on the appropriation of the Association's properties, which can only be assigned to international organisations recognised as having the same aims as the Association.
18. Other Matters	18	Matters which are considered relevant to the Association but not mentioned in these statutes shall be decided on by the Executive Committee.

Proposals for changes in the ISCA Statutes.

In the following you can find the current text followed by the Executive Committees proposal for a new text. Paragraphs with changes are marked ***italic bold***.

Membership

Point 4.1:

Current text:

Membership shall be open to non-governmental idealistic organisations and - where is no official NGO in that country official government bodies which:-

- a) are engaged in sports and/or cultural activities;
- b) are local, regional, national and international bodies;
- c) are open to all without discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion or political affiliation;

Proposal:

Membership shall be open to non-governmental idealistic organisations ***and other institutions*** which:-

- d) are engaged in sports and/or cultural activities;
- e) are local, regional, national and international bodies;
- f) are open to all without discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion or political affiliation;

Motivation for the change:

The organisational structures governing and developing Sport for All is varying from region to region. And opening for membership of non-governmental idealistic organisations and other institutions, would reflect this variation and the philosophy of and open, sharing and network based organisation.

6. Continental Committee

Current text:

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- Geographical Committees: one Committee per continent, as soon as the number of affiliated organisations is sufficient.
- General Sub-Committees (such as Statutes, Policies and Finances, Public Relations and Marketing, Development...etc)

6.2 The members of the Continental Committees are elected by the affiliated organisations members at the General Assembly of the continent for a four- year period as the Executive Committee; each organisation having one vote.

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- Geographical Committees: one Committee per continent, as soon as the number of affiliated organisations is sufficient.
- General Sub-Committees (such as Statutes, Policies and Finances, Public Relations and Marketing, Development...etc)

6.2 The members of the Continental Committees are established in the most appropriate way according to the continental reality.

6.3 A chairperson is elected by the members within the continent.

6.4 All chairmen of the Continental Committees are members of the ISCA's Executive Committee.

6.5 The ISCA's Executive Committee appoints the members and the chairmen of general Sub-Committees.

6.6 All decisions of the Sub-Committees must be communicated to the ISCA's Executive Committee by the appointed chairmen for approval.

6.7 All Sub-Committees and Continental Committees are responsible to the Executive Committee.

6.8 Deleted (Each Continental Committee should meet certainly at least one month the ISCA's General Assembly)

Motivation for the change:

We believe it is important to have the flexibility to organise the continental ISCA structures in such way it assist the development most efficiently. The organisational structures and general situations are different from continent to continent and therefore the statutes should allow flexible structures instead of fixed common rules.

7. General assembly

Current text:

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7.2 The General Assembly shall convene each year before the end of June.

7.3 Three months notice shall be given of the date and venue of the General Assembly.

7.4 At the General Assembly affiliated member Organisations may be represented by up to five delegates, all of whom having speaking rights.

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Motivation for the change:

Due to the development of the General Assemblies combined with open congresses and extended continental initiatives, the timing of the General Assembly could be more flexible.

Having the opportunity to hold the General Assembly in the second part of the year gives more opportunities to adapt to host organisations priorities. As well as a better timing of the discussion of them coming year priorities.

Annex I Financial Information

2006 accounts

2007 budget

2008 budget