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CSIT facing NEW CHALLENGES

Dear friends and colleagues,

In 2018 the international confederation of sports for workers and amateurs has been more and more enlarging its worldwide action, spreading its values and tradition.

We are about to face many new and relevant challenges among with the opening of our next edition of the CSIT World Sports Games – to be held in Tortosa (Spain) from the 2nd to the 7th of July 2019 – with many co-operation partners, which will stage their international championships under the umbrella of CSIT.

The CSIT family is also enlarging with the establishment of the new Para Sport Sector, which enables us to open CSIT Championships to athletes with disabilities, according to our vision of promoting sport for all.

Our increased commitment with the European Commission finally succeeded in grants from the European Union, aiming at developing our Young Leaders platform and promoting sports practices for migrants.

Our goal is to capitalise the expertise of our oldest members through the promotion of the intergenerational dialogue in order to prepare the CSIT leaders of the future. And beyond that, as a social and democratic organization, we are aiming to allow poorest and deprived people to practice popular sport in a democratic and friendly atmosphere.

To face all those challenges, we need to be more and more united and strengthen our capacity of development with an up-to-date management model and qualified managers.

For our future editions of the CSIT World Sports Games – from 2021 on – we have the dream to develop our Games as a special framework providing offers for family needs, kids and youngsters. World Sports Games shall become then not only a sport platform for adult amateurs, but also a festival of sport, friendship and socialization for all families around the globe.

We are a huge confederation and we are getting to the next edition of CSIT World Sports Games in Tortosa with some great figures. We are writing more and more new pages of the international sport for all movement in the spirit of friendship and peace. Together we'll be stronger!

I wish you all a healthy and successful year 2019.

Bruno Molea
CSIT President

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The 6th CSIT World Sports Games IN TORTOSA TERRES DE L'EBRE

by Natalia Rodriguez, TORTOC

A MILESTONE AND ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

THE CSIT FAMILY WILL BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL AREAS IN THE IBERIAN PENINSULA DURING THE 6TH CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES FROM 2ND TO 7TH JULY 2019. TERRES DE L'EBRE AND ITS CAPITAL, TORTOSA, ARE SITUATED IN THE SOUTH OF CATALONIA AND HAVE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS TO MAKE THE EXPERIENCE DURING THE WORLD SPORTS GAMES TO A MILESTONE.

Only a few cities without the status of provincial capital are as important as Tortosa, which boasts 2000 years of history. Every corner of the beautiful old town is steeped in history. The Iberians chose to settle in what is now the capital of the Baix Ebre region. In fact, historians believe that it may had been the enigmatic and important city of Hibera. If that was indeed the case, the Ebro (Iber) river and the entire peninsula were named after the city.

As proof of its splendid past, which saw Romans, Muslims, Jews and Christians pass through, Tortosa boasts the impressive Suda Castle, Saint Mary's Cathedral and some elegant Modernist buildings. It isn't known as the city of three cultures (Jewish, Arab and Christian) for nothing. Tortosa experienced its golden age during the Renaissance (16th century).

CAPITAL OF THE EBRO RIVER

The Ebro river is one of Tortosa's great treasures. The river passes through the city centre and can be seen from its bridges and riverside walks, which provide the perfect opportunity to observe and appreciate it. Its residents have a profound affinity with this river, which plays a special, inescapable role in their lives. Visitors can also experience

the Ebro's special charm on board Lo Sirgador, Tortosa's felucca, as they take a tour of the river and its scenery. Experiencing a sunset on board Lo Sirgador and contemplating the river as the sun disappears behind the Els Ports massif is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Tortosa is straddled by two natural parks, the Ebro Delta and the Els Ports Natural Park, and is located in the heart of the Terres de l'Ebre, declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. Its proximity to such natural wealth, which is reflected in its beaches and mountain landscapes, makes Tortosa the ideal destination to explore the whole area. Tortosa is surrounded by nature and offers a whole range of outdoor options, such as going on a bike ride along the Green Route, hiking in the mountains and enjoying a boat trip along the river or the delta.

THE CITY OF THREE CULTURES

Historically speaking, Tortosa is unique and different. Tortosa is one of the few places where the three great monotheistic cultures and religions coexisted in the Middle Ages: Christian, Muslim (Saracen) and Hebrew (Jewish). In 1148, once Ramon Berenguer IV had captured the city from the Muslims who had dominated it since the 8th century, the Saracen community was allowed to stay in it, like the Jews who had settled in Tortosa during the Roman period. The three communities coexisted relatively peacefully in Tortosa for centuries.

CELEBRATIONS

During the second fortnight in July, Tortosa celebrates the Renaissance Festival. With the slogan 'The splendour of a 16th-century city', the festival commemorates this historical period, one of the richest and most interesting moments for the city. The festival, which has been declared a Festival of National Tourist Interest, offers a wide range of recreational and cultural activities, with about 60 shows a day and thousands of people in period dress. It is one of Tortosa's key events. For four days, the city takes an intensive, immersive trip to the past.

CUISINE

Tortosa's location means that it enjoys a wide range of the region's finest-quality produce: fish, shellfish, the prized rice of the Ebro Delta, agricultural produce, vegetables and fruit, and the city's traditional sweets, such as pastissets. All of this can be found at the Municipal Market, a Modernist building in the city centre. Tortosa boasts numerous restaurants and establishments that prepare dishes using local products. Also close to Tortosa there are some Michelin-starred restaurants.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Away from the hustle and bustle of the big cities, Tortosa is set amidst a remarkable natural paradise, but also boasts all the services and amenities of a small city that can be explored on foot. It is the ideal destination for taking leisurely strolls through the streets of the

centre and the old town and enjoying relaxing family holidays. Its friendly residents will welcome you and make you feel at home.

THE CULTURE

Music, art, heritage, theater, cinema ... For those who love culture, the rich artistic dynamics of Tortosa will be a good reason to visit it. The city counts, for its privileged history, with the Museum of Tortosa Historical and Archaeological of Terres de l'Ebre, the most outstanding Jazz Show, a festival of ephemeral interventions in the courtyards of monumental buildings and an Eco & Tourism Film Festival (unique in the Iberian Peninsula), among other proposals.

A STRATEGIC LOCATION

As the largest city in the Terres de l'Ebre, with a location right in the middle of the region, Tortosa is the capital of the territory. In addition to the Ebro Delta Natural Park and Els Ports Natural Park, Tortosa is perfectly situated to allow visitors to explore the rest of the Terres de l'Ebre and its treasures: the fishing villages with their rich gastronomy, the traditions and handicrafts of the inland villages, the sites of the Battle of the Ebro and the famous DO Terra Alta wine. Few places in the world are home to two natural parks with two different ecosystems in just over 30 km.

Tortosa is not even 200 kilometres located to the south of Barcelona, and the same distance north of Valencia and Zaragoza, which has made it a strategic location throughout history.

TRADITIONS AND FOLKLORE

Traditions are very much alive in Tortosa. Tortosa's Holy Week, for example, attracts thousands of visitors every year. In fact, Tortosa is the only Catalan city that has a Holy Week Interpretation Centre open all year round, where visitors can learn about the floats used in the processions, genuine works of art. The jota dance is also popular in Tortosa, and the city is steeped in rich folkloric traditions, with giants, capgrossos (figures with huge heads) and the cucafera, the most beloved mythical animal of all.

Successful CSIT CONGRESS IN TORTOSA

by Wolfgang Burghardt, CSIT General Secretary
and Raimund Fabi, CSIT Press Officer

THE CSIT CONGRESS IN OCTOBER IN TORTOSA ENDED WITH CONSISTENTLY POSITIVE DECISIONS AND RESULTS

Nine months before the 6th CSIT World Sports Games in Tortosa, Catalonia, CSIT held its congress in the Host City. CSIT President Bruno Molea was very satisfied with the talks and results of the congress and thanked organizer and CSIT member UCEC for the excellent execution. Above all, UCEC President Jaume Domingo, who organized with his team five wonderful days in Tortosa. On the occasion of the WSG 2019, a number of high-ranking politicians were present with the Catalan General Secretary of Sports Gerard Figueiras, Mayoress Merixtell Roige, Ferran Bel (member of Spain Parliament) and other political decision makers of the Terres de l'Ebre.

NEW MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

UCEC was admitted to the CSIT as a full member by the Congress, as candidate members confirmed were the Flemish Association "Vlaamse Vechtsport Associatie" (represented by President Ludo Bellemans), the Tunisian Federation "Tunisienne Sport et Travail" (with head of international affairs Sarra Zarrouk) and the Croatian Association "Health Life Academy" (with Secretary General Dario Jagic). Due to inactivity some associations were excluded from the CSIT.

LOTS OF ACTIVITY IN THE CSIT

The Italian Claudia Borzacchini was elected as the new chairman of the Parasportkommission and presented her plans in CSIT and in particular for the WSG 2019 in Tortosa. Panathlon President Pierre Zabelli was a guest speaker at the congress, which presented the new Panathlon Award for CSIT members. European Fair Play Movement Vice President Katarina Raczova once again explained the successful Green Card initiative, since the WSG 2015 in Lignano, which will again be used at the WSG 2019 with its own fair play award. The Court of Arbitration has also been set up to deal with violations of CSIT values and rules. The court is headed by the Italian lawyer and sports rights specialist Giancarlo Guarina from Rome.

TWO CANDIDATES FOR WSG 2021

Two candidates submitted their application for the CSIT World Sports Games 2021. On the one hand the city of Rome on the initiative of Mayor Virginia Raggi and on the other hand the capital city of Croatia Zagreb (mayor Milan Bandić) together with the new CSIT candidate member Health Life Academy. The award decision will be made at the coming ExCom meeting in March. Prior to this, the working group World Sports Games with Sports Director Henk Bouchums and CSIT Vice President Desislava Yagodin will carry out an evaluation of the two applicants and draw up a report that serves as an objective basis for the awarding decision.

EU PROJECTS

The CSIT has been working hard for years to come up with innovative ideas and new projects. For the development of Young Leaders and their partners in CSIT and for inclusion of socially disadvantaged groups, the European Union has awarded CSIT funding finally. The projects are already in planning and implementation and other partners in discussion. CSIT's open attitude to new projects and sports is also reflected in the WSG 2019 program, where 15 new associations and activities can be found in the Tortosa Sports Program.

CSIT President Bruno Molea, Mayoress of Tortosa Merixtell Roige, UCEC President and host Jaume Domingo

Each partner, supporter and stakeholder of CSIT is an important component of our global movement

GOLF NEW in CSIT

for CSIT Members, Guests and the 1st World Championships for Journalists

by Raimund Fabi, CSIT

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER CSIT IS ORGANIZING A GOLF TOURNAMENT WITHIN THE CSIT FRAMEWORK AT THE WORLD SPORTS GAMES 2019. THE AIM IS TO EXTEND THE SPORT OFFER FOR CSIT MEMBERS, PARTNERS, GUESTS AND FRIENDS WITH A TRENDY SPORT ON ONE SIDE AND TO BRING JOURNALISTS TO THE WSG ON THE OTHER SIDE, WHO ORGANIZE IN TORTOSA THEIR 1ST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN MEDIA GOLF FOR FULL TIME JOURNALISTS.

It was a masterplan since years from CSIT President Bruno Molea to bring in the trendy sport Golf to CSIT. Tortosa will be the place, were CSIT opens the doors for Partners, Sponsors, Guests and Journalist and gives them all a platform to meet and greet, get in contact and be part of the big CSIT family, together with a couple of thousand participants at the CSIT World Sports Games 2019.

There will be three golf tournaments in one event during the WSG Tortosa 2019, all competing for the World Sports Games title, played on the two traditional Golf Courses in Panoámica Golf, Sport & Resort (Sant Jordi) and Bonmont Club Golf (Mont-Roig del Camp). Registration deadline is the 7th of May on the CSIT registration platform. Journalists must register through **www.worldmediagolf.com**.

1 CSIT GOLF TROPHY: PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS FOR CSIT MEMBERS

Members of the CSIT partner organizations are not limited on age. The participants must have a golf handicap of at least -36 and be member of a recognized golf club in their country. They must never have played Golf as a Professional! Each Nation has 5! spots fixed. If there are more than 5 registrations a waiting list will be held (first come first serve). Free spots on the inscription list will be filled up the after registration deadline from the waiting list. The price for CSIT members is 290 Euros per starter on top of the CSIT package.

2 GOLF GUEST INVITATIONAL: CSIT COMMUNITY GUESTS

The Guest Invitational in the Golf tournament is for special guests of WSG host UCEC, CSIT, Sponsors, Partners and guests of CSIT member organizations. Participation in the Golf Tournament is only on demand and only granted through the CSIT via **office@csit.tv**. The Participation conditions are the same as for CSIT members. Participants must have a golf handicap of at least -36 and must be member of a recognized golf club in their country. They must never have played golf as a Professional! The price for CSIT Community Guests is 350 Euros per starter.

3 WORLD MEDIA GOLF MASTERS: FOR FULL TIME JOURNALISTS ONLY

The tournament for full time Journalists is self-organized. Journalists have to register and book in via **www.worldmediagolf.com** and have their own packages and hotels. CSIT ExCom and CSIT playing members will have the possibility to meet the journalists. The Media participants will be shown around the WSG. The price giving for the golf tournament is planned during the closing ceremony. For further information please contact CSIT media officer Raimund Fabi via **media@csit.tv.** Only for Full Time Journalists on separate invitation **www.worldmediagolf.com**.

TWO FAMOUS AND ATTRACTIVE GOLF COURSES IN TERRES DE L'EBRE

PANORÁMICA GOLF, SPORT & RESORT

- 49 km from Tortosa (35 minutes)
- City of Sant Jordi
- Designed by the German Pro Bernhard Langer

Panorámica offers an excellent American design with its narrow fairways and neat rough. It's a very enjoyable playing experience for every handicap

The course offers an excellent American design with its narrow fairways and neat rough. It´s a very enjoyable playing experience for every handicap, as well as a challenge for professional players. It has five lakes that come into play on seven holes and all greens are fast and large. It is the only golf course in Spain designed by the German Pro Bernhard Langer, nine times player and captain of the European Ryder Cup team and twice winner of the Masters. The design of the course with its stunning lakes gives you a good quality golf course that is well maintained throughout the year.

Golf Panorámica Sport Resort has hosted numerous events at national and international level for professional and amateur golf player as the European Tour Qualifying School in 1996, 1997 and 2014, the Spain women's Amateur championship, the Ladies European Tour in in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009 and Special European Championship Golf in 2008.

BONMONT CLUB GOLF

- 58 km from Tortosa (45 minutes)
- City of Mont-Roig del Camp
- Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., one of the World´s greatest Golf experts

Bonmont creates a truly welcoming environment. The natural slopes, the small lakes and the gardens of the residential community harmonize with the landscape of ever green tones. The Bonmont golf course was designed by one of the Worlds greatest experts: Robert Trent Jones Jr. This explains the harmony and challenges that characterize the course, designed to seduce and challenge all its players. The course is a real treasure, a magnificent place comparable to King Solomon's mines, because it has been carved out of living rock and has been converted into an emerald oasis with many challenges for players.

The route has numerous natural and artificial obstacles. Impressive ravines, six lakes excavated in the rock, bridges, groves, more than 90 bunkers and large and jealously guarded Greens. It also has a natural grass field. The layout of the course tests all players with the enigma of its lines and edges, a real challenge that the talent of Robert Trent Jones Jr. has created to enjoy in Bonmont.

ON TOP PACKAGES
290 Euros for CSIT members
350 Euros for CSIT Community Guests

2 rounds of Golf in Panorámica (practice and tournament)

2 rounds of Golf in Bonmont (practice and tournament)

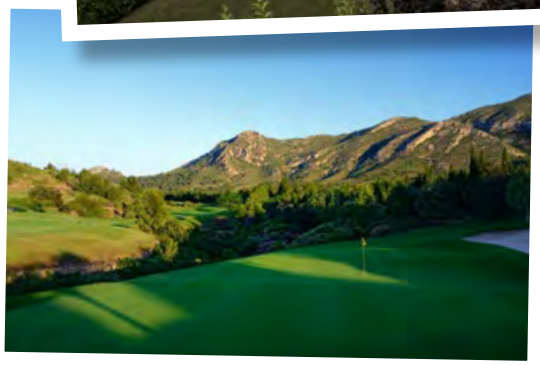
2 halfway meals during the tournament-rounds

2 platters after the tournament-rounds

Transport to and from the Golf Courses from Tortosa

PROGRAM

- 3. July 2019 – **Practice Round Panorámica**
- 4. July 2019 – **Practice Round Bonmont**
- 5. July 2019 – **1st tournament day at Panorámica**
- 6. July 2019 – **2st tournament day at Bonmont**



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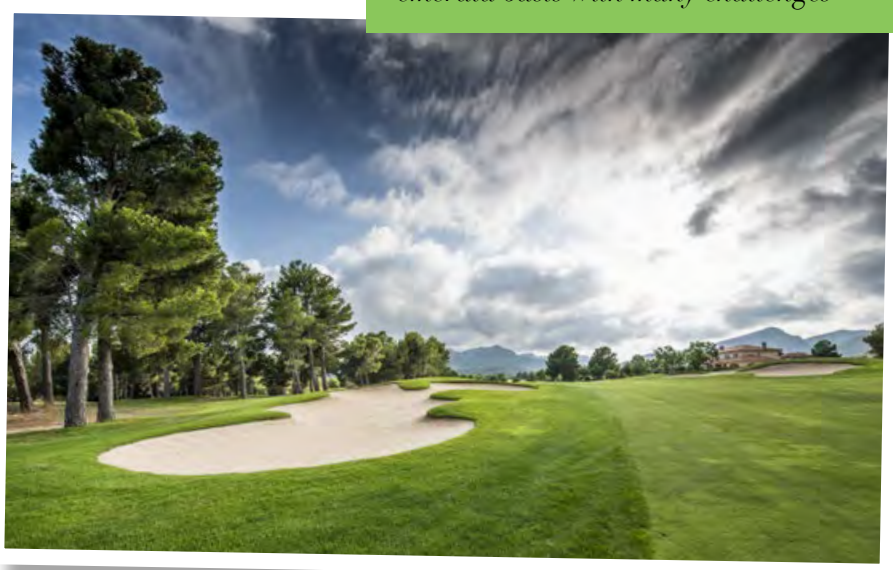


HISTORY OF FOOTBALL

AICS BRINGS FOOTBALL TO A TOUR ALL OVER ITALY

by Patrizia Cupo, AICS

THE PROJECT NAMED "TRAVELING WITH THE HISTORY OF FOOTBALL" STARTED UP IN FEBRUARY 2018 WITH THE SUPPORT OF "ISTITUTO PER IL CREDITO SPORTIVE". THE GREAT ITINERARY EXHIBITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM, PROMOTED BY AICS IN 15 ITALIAN CITIES WITH 200 UNIQUE RELIQS, TELLS STORIES ABOUT WORLD CUPS FROM THE 1930'S UNTILL TODAY IN THE BIGGEST NATIONAL-WIDESPREAD MUSEUM.

The Exhibition collects Unique and Precious Uniforms from famous players like Johan Cruyff, Michel Platini, Pele, Diego Maradona, Gerd Muller or Kevin Keagan. They are nowadays properties of Luigi Carvelli (founder of the International Football Museum). The Exhibition also includes the balls and shoes by the collector Renato Mariotti, from the World Cups from the 1930's untill today. In addition the Exhibition shows many original World Cups (tickets, journals, newspapers).

Hundreds of pieces representing a small part of the greater collection. Perugia, Forlì, Potenza, Foggia, Salerno (Nocera Inferiore), Ancona (Jesi), Venezia (Chioggia), Verona, Firenze, Padova and Fair's of Padova, Sassari, Parma, Bologna, Roma (Ostia). After two-thirds of the journey, today more than 70,000 people and testimonials visited the extraordinary exhibition. Marco Materazzi, the international referee Marco Guida, the Brazilian world champion Roberto Rivellino, Mario Kempes and Brasilian "Zico" – Arthur Antunes Coimbra.

AICS President Bruno Molea commented, "promoting sport today is promoting education, self-respect and respect for others, the values of sharing and social cohesion." "If for culture is best practice, then the International Football Museum represents one of the best practices in the country. That's because of its huge collection of one of the most beloved sports in the world. For this AICS decided to bring this exhibition up to the cities. Participating in this journey is a great opportunity: curiosity, emotions and awareness about the benefits of sport, as a key tool to promote wellbeing in a community. "

Anyone who is interested in hosting it in the own country can ask for information to **ufficiostampa@aics.info**.

ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA CULTURA SPORT

Stories by mistake or purpose

World Cup Argentina 1978: The French national team played with a white-green uniform: Team of the young Michel Platini had to face the Hungary team. Both, for a mistake, entered the field with white dresses, impossible to play the match. Argentinian team, the Kimberley, and they are so called "cockerels" playing with a white-green uniform winning 3-1. Headline in Argentina: Kimberly beat the greater Hungary.

World Cup West Germany 1974, when the most famous world cup winners a uniform. Well known as "the uniform of the discord", worn by Johan Cruyff, star of that World Cup and the Holland team's magic, what the apex Adidas and Puma were born. Adidas, except captain Cruyff: He had just signed a sponsorship contract with Puma but played the World Cup with a faulty Adidas, where the third black strip of the official sponsor was unseen. The birth hour of Puma.

World War I. It was Christmas Eve 1914. Combatting solders of the British and German foxholes of the Flanders' land declared by the "Christmas Ceasefire" with a football match. It was not a decision the British General Staff members, who tried to hide the story. As collected by some military archives in Europe, it seems that the Ceasefire lasted more than 2 days and that the match was won by the Germans 3-2.

Special Moments, that can only tell the history through a powerful channel. Football is one of the most beloved sports in the world. Its reliqs, the white-green uniform of Michel Platini, the two-strip uniform of Cruyff, the ball of 1914 – all have the power to rise the historical reconstruction of those episodes. Unique pieces belonging to prestigious historical football collections have been brought up since February 2018, by AICS – Italian Association of Culture and Sports – everywhere in Italy to promote two goals: accessibility of the largest museum of Italy to a wide public audience.

How to transfer AICS model OF SPORT PROMOTION

by Patrizia Cupo, AICS

AICS DEVELOPS THE TRAINING COURSE OF SPORT MANAGEMENT FOR AICS HEADQUARTIERS STAFF ABROAD

How sport can become a tool to promote social policies, how to promote social inclusion, wellbeing and health? How to organise a major multisport event, how to do networking and what kind of organisational structure is needed to develop the sports promotion as a key-factor of social and sports policies at national and international level?

Those are the topics of the first edition of the training course on sports management organised by Aics – Associazione Italiana Cultura Sport (Italian Association of Sport and Culture) and addressed to the managers of AICS headquarters abroad.

The goal is to transfer AICS the model abroad and to disseminate it as much as possible at international level: 2 days and half of a full

immersion, 20 hours totally covering topics of the sports management, from the organisation of major multisport events to the networking activities and expertise needed to build up partnerships within the local communities. The course was addresses to 15 AICS managers, coming from the already existing headquartiers abroad in Kenya, Colombia, Chile, Capo Verde and Spain and from the ones which are in a phase of startup.

The training course, under the framework of the AICS National major multisport event "Verde Azzurro", was held in Cervia (sea cost of Emilia Romagna Region) from the 6th to the 8th of September 2018, with the involvement, as trainers, of AICS National headquarter staff members and the National President Bruno Molea who opened the training course providing a global overview of the vision and pillars of the development of AICS, on strategic lines at national and international level and on the organisational structure of the Association, showing the specific competences of the Departments.

The course went on other topics such as the economic and financial issues of the management of sports organisations and the communication of major sports and social events. Later on the officers of the Membership Department trained the addresses on the AICS method, procedures and platform used. After that, the officers of the Sport Department explained how to organise and manage the AICS major multisport events "Sport in Fiore" and "Verde Azzurro". AICS Deputy President, Mr Maurizio Toccafondi, presented AICS Statute and the course finally closed with the involvement of President Bruno Molea, who summerized all the contents and gave the space to a circle time of comments, feedbacks and discussion. After two days of classes a half day was dedicated to the guided tour at the sport facilities of "Verde Azzurro" championships, in order to see all the sports events, meet the athletes (especially kids and youngsters) and the officials, technicians and staff involved.

The entire training course was useful to apply general guide lines to the specific needs of each Country involved: if in Colombia and Kenya sport will be more and more addressed to develop social policies (especially with youngsters), in Chile, Capo Verde and Spain sport and its networks are already very developed therefore the managers have to design new ideas to promote it better under the framework of AICS model.

فدراسیون آماتوری ورزش کارگری جمهوری اسلامی ایران
Amateur Federation of Worker's Sport of Iran

WORLD MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF CSIT

by Sabah Safari Nezhad, FAWSI

The first International Workers and Amateurs Open World Martial Arts Championships under the patronage of CSIT held in Teheran was a unique event with the support of CSIT but also the Iranian Ministry of Youth and Sport, with the cooperation of National Olympic Committee and Federation of Amateur Workers Sports of Iran (FAWSI).

CSIT President Bruno Molea feels some official words to the organizers: "It is a great pleasure, as President of CSIT, to patronage your unique event, and I am sure this was a successful sports festival and it will be only the first of future several editions. Therefore I am confident to be present, with you in Iran, for your next edition, or in another occasion, whenever you would invite me."

Molea also pointed out the good cooperation with FAWSI: "We're all here with you, for participation in our World Sports Games editions and now for organizing an international championship in your country. I would like to thank FAWSI for the willingness to cooperate with the CSIT. We want to reinforce our efforts and cooperation for the future."

For the first time the international event was proposed by Iran to be included in the World Workers Competitions. The leading teams in this field of competitions, to become a member of CSIT Confederation and include them in CSIT official disciplines, so that the member counties start planning for the CSIT World Sports Games.

The requirements for holding competitions have been taken into account by the International Relations Department of AFWSI. This great and magnificent event could be held with the support of the International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation (CSIT) in Tehran, Iran from 7th till 11th March 2018.

CSIT BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Iran Workers National Beach Volleyball Team won the third place at the 2018 CSIT Beach Volleyball Championships (men and women) from June 5 to June 10, 2018 in Albena Resort, Bulgaria, hosted by CSIT member union Bulgarian Workers Federation "Sport and Health". There were participants from Italy, Iran, Portugal, Mexico, Russia, Lithuania and Bulgaria. The men's team of Atom-Sport (Russia) triumphed with the cup after a fierce battle with the squad of AICS (Italy). In the final for 3-4 places FAWSI (Iran) beat the team of BWF "Sport and Health" (Bulgaria). Mr. Thierry de Longchamp – Chairman of CSIT 's Volleyball Technical Commission and

Mr. Fabrizio Gherardi – Secretary of the Volleyball Technical Commission (responsible for Beachvolleyball).

ARTS AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS IRAN 2020

In a fruitful meeting with CSIT President Bruno Molea the FAWSI Federation of Amateur and Workers Sports of Iran's officials announced in the 2018 CSIT Congress their willingness to host the future Martial Arts and Beach Volleyball Championships in Iran for 2020.

Bruno Molea stated, that he will be eager to patronize these unique events. He also stated to participate in the future international events in Iran. The CSIT President also pointed out the good cooperation with FAWSI: "We are all here with you, for participation in our World Sports Games editions and now for organizing International Championships in your country. I would like to thank FAWSI for the willingness to cooperate with the CSIT. We hope to reinforce our efforts in the future. "This is a good opportunity for having these international events in Iran and to host CSIT member unions to participate in the future championships which will be held in Tehran.

President Javad Ramzi, a visionary and internationally oriented supporter of the partnership with CSIT

Javad Ramzi will take over FAWSI presidency

At the next General Assembly of FAWSI Mr. Javad Ramzi will follow Dr. Amir Hosseini as President of the Federation of Amateur and Workers Sports of Iran. Dr. Hosseini, who retires, will stay in close contact with the Iranian CSIT member organization, FAWSI, as honorary member and advisor. From March 2018 Mr. Javad Ramzi has been appointed Acting President of FAWSI. His experiences and of course in the Iranian sports community will for sure benefit CSIT.

IN 2024, FRANCE WILL HOST THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES. THIS SHOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETHINK THE ORGANIZATION OF SPORT IN FRANCE AND ITS PUBLIC SERVICE TO DEVELOP ACCESS FOR ALL AND RENOVATE SPORTS FACILITIES THAT ARE MOSTLY DATING BACK OVER 40 YEARS. A WISH THAT FSGT FULLY SHARES. BUT YET, DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN OR TO COME RISK PUTTING IN DANGER THE FUTURE OF SPORT IN FRANCE, AND IN PARTICULAR SPORT FOR ALL.

GOVERNANCE OF SPORT IN FRANCE

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SPORT THE TIME OF CHOICE

by Emmanuelle Bonnet Oulaldj, FSGT Co-President

CREATION OF A FRENCH SPORTS AGENCY

Six months of work were organized to arrive at the proposal of the creation of a French sports agency, run jointly by the State, the sports movement (French Olympic and Sports Committee), local authorities and the economic area. But already, this opportunity of shared governance that could be efficient to better identify the needs of the population, mutualize skills and funding, is actually turning into an unprecedented disengagement of the State. A public report, aimed at reducing public spending, even announces the disappearance of the Ministry of Sports. The announcement of the suppression of 1.600 public employees in sport is also along the same lines.

All of this augurs the privatization of the public service of sport. Decisions that go against the meaning of the message given during France's bid for 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and a lack of understanding, and even anger of the entire French sports movement, who has launched a campaign of communication and a petition entitled #LeSportCompte (Sport matters).

FOUR MAIN PERSPECTIVES ARE WORRYING US

1 "**Sport for all" gives way to the "development of practices"**
When we used to speak before of developing sport for all, the priority is now to develop practices. The nuance deserves to be emphasized. Sport for all refers to the RIGHT to sport for all. With the objective to analyze the needs of the population and decide on appropriate public policies. But today, it is only a question of meeting the expectations of the population in terms of marketing. An adviser to the President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron even told us in an official meeting that the challenge was to liberalize economic competition in sport. In other words, the right to sport for all would be called into question in favor of developing practices in private clubs for those who can afford it.

2 **A change of status for clubs and sports federations**
As part of the recommendations for the next governance of sport, federations and clubs will be encouraged to change their status to diversify their resources by selling sports products and services. An heresy regarding the competences and experiences of sports associations in the production of non-market economy, social ties, in other words, contribution to a true Social and Solidarity Economy. These provisions will result in a development of professionalization that, if not accompanied, will change the social relations of the club, confiscate the place and role of volunteers and increase the cost of access to the practice.

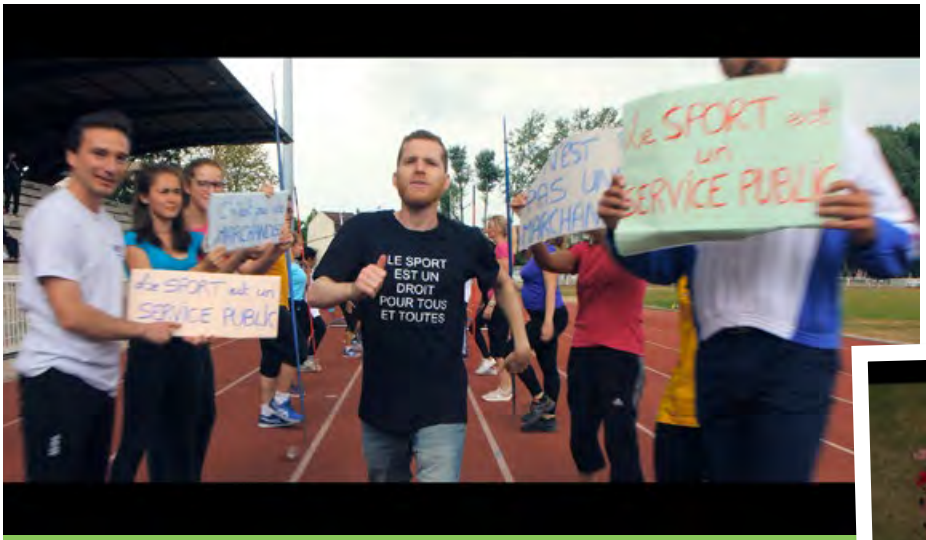
3 **The prospect of enlarging the state delegation to disciplinary federations**
In France and since 1945, the State delegates to the Unisport

federations (French Federation of Football, French Federation of Gymnastics for example) the responsibility to organize the championships of France and to select athletes for the Olympic Games and world championships. These federations are also responsible for issuing safety rules for practices. In this context, the Law grants multisport federations such as FSGT the freedom to adapt the contents of competitive and non-competitive activities, as well as their trainings. In the perspective of Paris 2024 and the new governance of sport in France, the French national Olympic Committee and these federations are asking for an extension of the delegation in terms of training in particular. This would limit the ability of affinity and multisport federations, whose experience, expertise and sporting and social role are recognized nationally and territorially. Their ability to adapt the content and modes of organization allows them to meet specific needs not covered elsewhere, and to audiences often isolated in rural areas or poor suburbs. A cooperative work of all these federations, including FSGT, has been initiated to support a Member of Parliament's proposal to create a multisport delegation and to recognize equally the role played by our multisport federations in the public service and general interest.

4 **A decline of public resources**

Last but not least, there cannot be a public service of sport without public funding. At a time when Members of Parliament will soon vote the budget of the Nation, Sport budget is again announced downwards. Sport weighs only 0.13% of the state budget, barely 350 million euros. Whether it is up or down a few million euros will not change the situation. It must be doubled to be recognized with real means to the height of the history and the culture of our country in matter of sport. All of our FSGT departmental, regional and club committees have seen drastic cuts in extra-budgetary funding this year, ranging from -30 to -50%. Sports facilities are deteriorating years after years. The concern for the future is real: What about the distribution of funding in the French sports Agency? What about extra-budgetary funding with the privatization of the French national lottery? What about the financial possibilities of local authorities whose state dotations are only decreasing, while social spending is increasing? Which place for our affinity and multisport federations in this context?

Many questions. FSGT is mobilized to share these issues. In addition to working together with the other multisport federations and an initiative towards parliamentarians, FSGT multiplied the tools for its clubs in order to continue to ask for a real public service of sport. In complementarity to a special folder in our review "Sport et Plein Air", a video "Sport is a right, it's not a product" has recorded more than 100.000 views on social networks. Without public service of sport, the inequalities of access will be reinforced and with it the right to a quality sport will be reserved for those who have the means. Is this the sport project for a country preparing to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games?



"Sport is a right for everyone", this does not just apply to France, but for all people around the globe!

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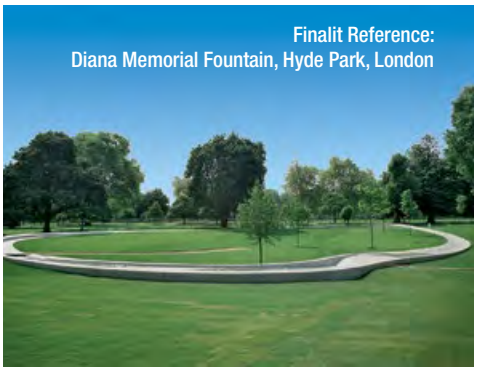
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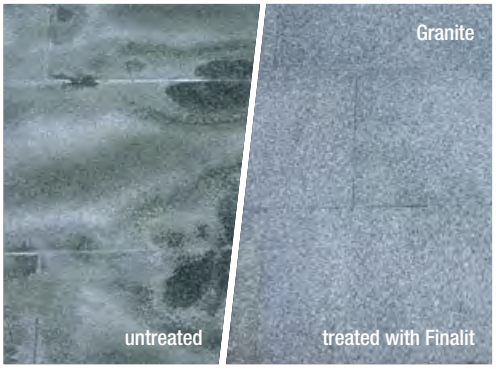

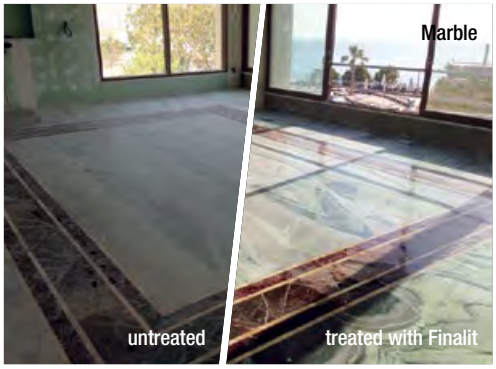

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100 years TUL-FINLAND HAPPY BIRTHDAY

by Niina Myllys, TUL

ALL FINLAND WILL PARTY NEXT JUNE AND CELEBRATE WITH BIG CEREMONIES THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF TUL

TUL is one of the largest non-governmental organizations in Finland with almost 1000 sport club members. Founded 100 years ago as the Finnish sport federation, TUL focused on encouraging Finish citizens to adopt a healthy and active lifestyle. One of the main goals was and still is to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to lead an active life and have access to various sport activities, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, wealth or ethnic background. The big birthday party will be on 15th of June 2019 with a main ceremony as a tribute to 100 years old TUL.

The secret of the long and vibrant life is communality, close ties to member sports clubs and long-term work to safeguard equal sporting conditions in Finland. The 100th anniversary will be celebrated all over Finland by organizing numerous amazing events and

parties. The jubilee 2019 culminates in Helsinki Ice Hall on June 15th, 2019. Celebrations will already start on January 26 in Helsinki – at the same place, where TUL was founded 100 years ago. In spring 2019 emeritus professor Seppo Hentilä will published an anniversary book.

BIG CEREMONIES AS A TRIBUTE TO TUL

Event weekend 14. to 16.6.2019 is the highlight of the jubilee year. During this weekend the member clubs of TUL will have a broad visibility all over the country. Different sports championships and tournaments will be held in Helsinki and in the metropolitan area, all hosted by TUL member clubs. Competitions are held among other in football, wrestling, cycling, gymnastics and chess. Three main event of the jubilee year are organized during the event weekend. On June 14th TUL100 Theater Gala opens gymnastics and dance full-fledged weekend. Theater Gala is held at Helsinki City Theater on Friday.

The main ceremony, Joukkojen Juhla, is a tribute to 100-year-old TUL. The ceremony will provide to all exercise and sports lovers a professional review of the history of TUL, Finish sports culture and sports clubs. The ceremony is a work of art designed by dance and choreography professionals. Its key elements in addition to sport scenes are music, light, projection and visualization. Joukkojen juhla, the main ceremony, is held on June 15th at Helsinki Ice Hall.

International Show Competition will take place in Töölö, Helsinki on June 16th. ISC is an open showy competition for various gymnastics and dance forms. It is also a celebratory competition for TUL. Competition categories are: acrobatic gymnastics, aesthetic group gymnastics, aerobic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics and dance. The age categories start from 12 years onwards.

Ticket sale to the events have already started. TUL offers different types of accommodation and hopes to see many friends in Helsinki! Contact Project Manager **mirjam.beekmann@tul.fi**

above: Project manager Mirjam Beekmann

below: Choreographers Tuula Linnusmäki and Minna Saari are responsible for the artistic mastery of the main event

HAPOEL on Tour

HAPOEL ISRAEL WAS AND IS TRAVELLING THE WORLD SINCE MANY YEARS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND PARTICIPATING WITH ITS ATHLETES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS. HAPOEL IS ALWAYS ON TOUR WITH A BIG SPORTS FAMILY.

by Avigdor Dagon, HAPOEL and Raimund Fabi, CSIT

Internationally HAPOEL showed up in June 2018 with 508 athletes in the Balkan Tournament for peace in Albena and Varna in Bulgaria participating in Bowling, Catch Ball, Volleyball, Streetball, Tennis, Swimming and Bridge. Just a month later they participated in France in La Boule with 100 athletes in different sport branches including Football 11, Basketball and Track and Field.

Nationally HAPOEL had a wide range of different activities and events. The biggest for sure was the Sportiada with 14 different brunches of sports in the city of Eilat during the period of 9th to 12th October. More than 1.300 women were active in Catchy Ball. In the Bowling competition in Tiberius participated over 1.100 Athletes in 44 bowling lines. 2018 HAPOEL also participated in five Marathons in Tiberias, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the Desert Marathon with 400 runners.

PARALYMPIC PROMOTION

One big topic in 2018 was the start of the promotions of Paralympic activities. For example the blind competitions on tandem bikes as well as blind athletes in 5 und 10 km running heats. HAPOEL also promoted the activity of blind Chess Players together with regular players.

HIGH FINANCIAL SUBVENTION AND PROMOTION

Together with the Ministry of Culture and Sport HAPOEL is partner of projects like Mamanet, promotes lots of women activities together with several municipalities in Israel and sets high level activities in Sports. HAPOEL offers financial subventions to high level Olympic Sports practiced in their own clubs like Footbal, Basketball, Track and Field, Swimming and others for a total amount of 1,65 million Euros, supporting them all year long.

BIG PROGRAM AHEAD IN 2019

Of course HAPOEL athletes will start 2019 in the Marathons of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Desert Marathons. More than 23.000 athletes from hundreds of companies will continue to participate on 13 bodies which operate sport activities in more than 15 branches of sports and will do the same sport activities as they did 2018. Hundreds of athletes will compete outside of Israel in several sports branches in the Balkan Games in Varna (Bulgaria), the European Festival Games in Salzburg (Austria) and of course at the CSIT World Sports Games in Tortosa (Spain).

HAPOEL, a strong pillar on the one hand of the elite sport as well as sport for all and on the other hand at national as well as international level

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INDET CONTRIBUTION

by Ruth Vázquez Pérez, INDET

INDET MEXICO OPERATES THE NATIONAL PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND LABOR SPORT. THE MEXICAN WORK CONGRESS THROUGH ITS INSTITUTE OF SPORT FOR WORKERS PUTS IN PLACE EVERY YEAR ITS NATIONAL PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND LABOR SPORT.

The main goal of this Program is to offer a wide range of activities to Mexican Workers and their families all around the country to invest their free time in activities that help to keep a good health through the practice of sports and physical activities to construct a healthy life style. Four different programs are part of the National Program.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAM

This Program is focused in Mexican Workers and their families. This program is part of the National Platform lead by the Mexican Government known as "Move". The program consists in the permanent promotion of the importance and need of doing exercise on a regular basis, 30 minutes a day if possible with workers all around Mexico. The goal is to show and practice with them movements routines that fight against sedentary lifestyle and obesity, keeping a physical, mental and social well-being. INDET presents attractive exercise and flexibility routines, dance sessions and also include routines using specific functional implements to move and work

out. Along the year, INDET does 20 massive events in all around Mexico offering activities for the complete family, from children to elderly people.

NATIONAL WORKERS GAMES PROGRAM, LABOR SPORT LEAGUES AND LABOR SPORT EVENTS

Created in 1972 to increase the practice of popular sports among the Labor Class in Mexico in order to benefit their health, this Program invites and supports the practice of sports like football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, baseball and athletics, between men and women, both free and master categories. This program starts every May and the final phase is played at the National Games every third week of September with the participation of workers from all around the country.

LABOR SPORT TRAINING PROGRAM

This is the main program to train instructors, promoters and coaches who are the guide for individual and teams at Labor Centers, in both public and private sectors. This Program gives the opportunity to all of those involved in the sports activities in the Labor Mexican Centers to prepare and update their knowledge and skills so they can design and implement better physical activities for workers and their families. The main product is the 40 hours Annual Sport Training Course with recognized academics and professors in each sport category. This course has the accreditation of Mexican Olympic Committee, Mexican Work Ministry and National Sports Commission. INDET offers the 120 hours Certificate Training Course on a specific matter plus short training programs and conferences along the year.

SPORTS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This Program has been created to stimulate Labor Sport men and women at State and National levels. With this Program, INDET gives our Labor Sport Champions the unique opportunity to participate at Regional and International events. Each year, the Mexican Workers Baseball Team who wins at the National Labor Games participates at the International Baseball Championship in La Habana, Cuba. Individuals and Teams who win Gold, Silver and Bronce Medals at our National Sport Labor Games win also the right to participate at the Workers Sports Festival in Bulgaria every year and at the World Sports Games every two years as other International Championships organized by CSIT and some other Foreign Sports Federations. These are the perfect opportunities for Labor Sports Mexican Champions to keep training and playing their preferred sport. They certainly are the best promoters at their work centers, with their families and their communities. INDET is committed to the practice of sports and physical activity that gives all positive results among the workers and their families in Mexico.

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CSIT SENIORS GET ORGANIZED FOR TORTOSA

by Anne-Lise Kooreman, CSIT Working Group Physical Activity for Seniors 55+

SCHIELLEITEN IN AUSTRIA WAS THE HOST CITY FOR THE CSIT FORMATION COURSE 2018 FOR SENIORS 55+ ORGANIZED BY ASKÖ.

It is less than half a year until the CSIT World Sports Games in Tortosa, Catalonia (Spain) in July 2019 and the CSIT seniors start to get in form and organized. Instructors from FSGT – France, DAI – Denmark, HAPOEL – Israel and ASKÖ – Austria met from 21th to 23rd of September 2018 in the wonderful castle of Schielleiten in Austria under the lead of CSIT Vice-President Palle Thomsen for their regular formation course for Seniors 55+.

It was an intensive but interesting weekend for the seniors with a lot of new activities, that gives all a creative input and innovative ideas for the upcoming events. All instructors will translate the new content to be able to use them for their own stakeholders "at home". On the program there was 'Power and Sensomotoric Training', 'Coordination in everydays life', 'Theraband exercises' and 'Balance'. This formation course gave useful devices on scientific, methodical, practical and organizing level. Head of organizing committee Uschi Mortinger wants to thank in particular Prof. Andreas Vock, Petra Höllhuemer, Claudia Kraxner and Dietmar Hainrauch for their knowledge transfer.

Besides the visit of CSIT Secretary General Wolfgang Burghardt, who brought greetings from CSIT President Bruno Molea, the participants had three days of theory and practice and several interesting presentations of top lecturers from the University of Vienna and the Austrian Sports & Healthcare sector, organized through the excellent network of Austrias' pensioners (PVÖ), one of the co-organizers of the formation course.

Next appointment for the seniors will be in 2019 in Tortosa, Catalonia at the CSIT World Sports Games (WSG). CSIT is looking forward to a high number of senior participants at the 6th CSIT WSG in Tortosa 2019, to ensure the widest possible exchange of know-how between specialists from around the world.

It was an intensive but interesting weekend for the seniors with a lot of new activities

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MONTH OF SPORTS IN THE PRINCELY CITY CELJE, A PROJECT THAT IS CARRIED OUT IN MAY AND JUNE HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS. DURING THIS TIME, WE OFFERED ALL CITIZENS THE POSSIBILITY OF ENGAGING IN 22 DIFFERENT SPORTS.

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SPORT IN THE PRINCELY CITY OF CELJE

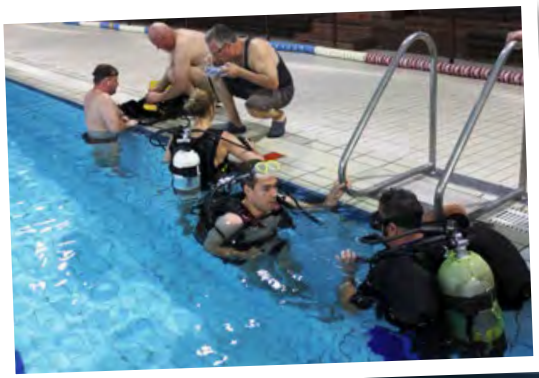
by Hasan Igrić, UADŠS

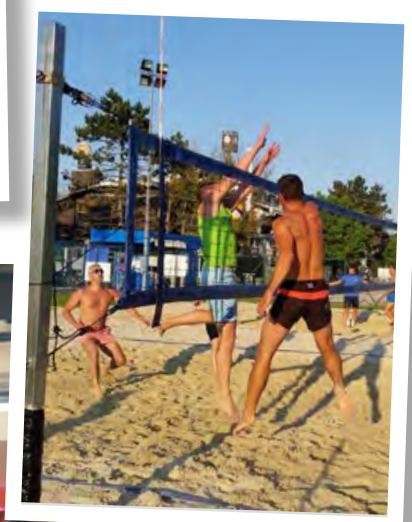
In addition to the various branches, there are professional lectures on the topic of the spine, and in two sections. The first set is intended for the lumbar spine and problems that arise while under burden, the other part covering the neck and all that is associated with pain, causes and exercises to eliminate the problem. The Center for Health Promotion and OE Celje, the National Institute of Public Health, took measurements of body composition with the Tanita scales and interesting extracts, some of which were pleasing to others, and a little less, and a 2 km walk test.

All activities carried out during the month of sports in the princely city, were co-financed by the Municipality of Celje and the Foundation for Sport. This year, we have offered the visitors the following sports contents: social dancing, bowling, kayaking, horseback riding, Nordic walking, Nirvana fitness, volleyball, swimming, diving, pump track, defense against stress, stand-up paddle-boarding, Senior fit, Chess in a new light, school of running, sports recreation for beginners, gym exercises, and golden workout for elders, who are training to feel better.

Project Manager Mag. Hasan Ibrić said at this year's conclusion of the project: The project Month of Sports started spontaneously as an upgrade of the month sports for all, which remains similar as we only added competitively-recreational content such as a night run, running along the Savinja River, Running for fathers – Daddy activate, Sports week at Šmartinsko jezero, charity event I'm going to help. As part of the month of sports, we have opened two sports facilities. Pump track polygon in Nova vas, a new acquisition for an urban settlement is of utmost importance, where children and the elderly coexist with the same goal, socializing with sports activities. The next acquisition is definitely a gym at the 1st primary school in Celje and the most modern climbing center. For the Olympic sport, it is extremely important that the city of Celje offer preparation for our top climbers. Every year, we add new content, while keeping all that was extremely well accepted among the participants.

The desire of all of us is that Celje, in addition to this project, will revive other competition projects with international participation and ideas, and after the coordination meetings we will inform the public about the projects for the next year, we have some good ideas that are feasible with a minimum input. Let's mention that immediately after the end of the month of sports, the Monograph in English was published on the 50th anniversary of the International Children's Games. The idea and the





Sports and physical activities are playing traditionally an important role in the Slovenian society

first games were on June 5th 1968, in our beautiful city.

Month of Sports officially ended, but in the city and its surroundings there are many opportunities for sports and recreation. Already in the summer months, the Celje Sports Association offers a free beach volleyball practice at the summer swimming pool in Celje, every Monday and Wednesday between 18:00 and 21:00. We are also continuing to organize hiking and training for the elderly every Monday and Friday between 10 am to 11 am. The project of self-defense will continue in September, on Wednesday between 17 and 18 hours. On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to thank all those who participated in the project, with the wish that similar projects become a permanent feature of our city, a city with a great sporting heart.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN LIVING FOR THE FIFTH YEAR?

The main purpose of the project is to promote sports and recreational events and organized, regular, professionally guided, adequately and intensively structured sports and recreational exercises that take place in the area of the Municipality of Celje.

The introduction of the project contributes to the realization of our efforts to provide and offer professional, high quality and healthy sports activities in societies and to continually improve this offer.

The goal of the offer is not only sports activity but prevention of the onset of diseases or other disorders due to congestion and stressful lifestyle.

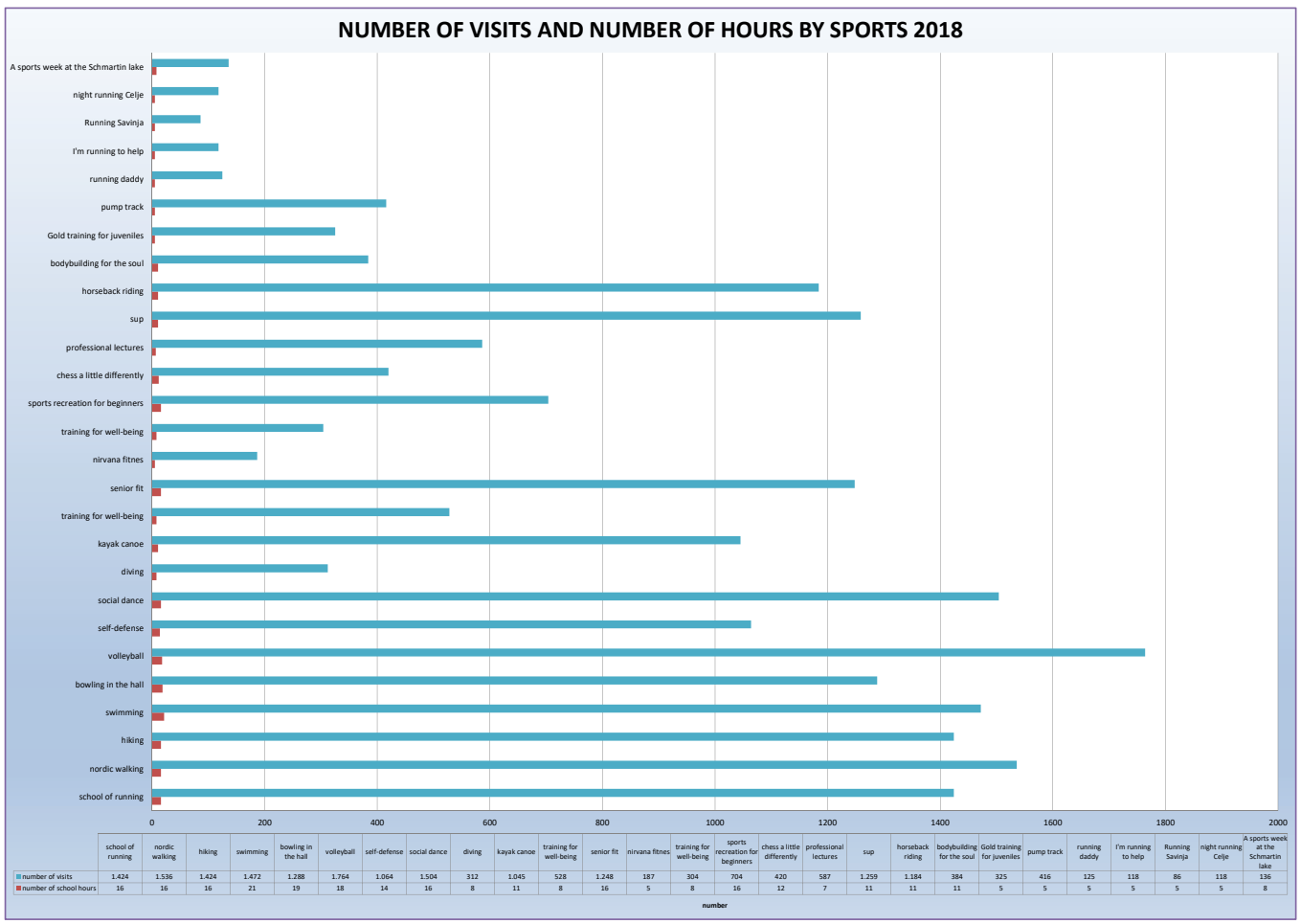
What are the starting points of the project?

- Increasing the awareness of the citizens and the public about the importance of organized, regular, professionally guided and quality-based exercises and sports and recreational competitions.
- Increasing the number of participants in organized, regular, professionally managed, adequately intensive and quality structured sports and recreational activities.
- Combining and connecting everyone who is keen on strengthening and maintaining health through movement and sports activities in social and professional meetings.
- Strengthening cooperation between the scientific, health and sports professions.

In Celje, we are aware that motion and sporting activities have positive effects on health, which is reflected in the quality of an individual's life. The quality of everyday living related to movement, exercise and sport allows the deceleration or slowing down of the deterioration of physical and functional abilities, the weaknesses of which are also caused by physical (sports and motor) inactivity.

Analysis of individual training visits

Some statistics according to unofficial data, over 22,000 visits to free programs and competitions and recreational programs are recorded in the month of sport. 2018 all in all 22,119.



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FICS – THE 2019 WORLD SPORTS GAMES

MILLIONS OF FANS ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER EVERY DAY TO WITNESS THE EXCITEMENT AND DRAMA OF SPORT. WHEN ATHLETES CAN PERFORM AT THEIR BEST, UNINHIBITED BY INJURY, IT MAKES THESE SPECTACLES OF SPORT EVEN MORE EXHILARATING. THIS IS THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORTS CHIROPRACTIC (FICS). THE VOLUNTEER PROFESSIONALS OF FICS ARE DEDICATED TO KEEPING ATHLETES EQUALLY MATCHED COMPETITIVELY BY OFFERING FREE TREATMENTS TO THE ATHLETES OF THE CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES IN TORTOSA.

Many nations competing in events now have a requirement that a chiropractor travel with each team for sporting events, but this creates a major disadvantage for those nations unable to fund the role. FICS works with event organizers so every athlete may have and equal the opportunity to have chiropractic care.

"Athlete centered care is fundamental to our mission, FICS President Pete Garbutt said. "Quite often chiropractic care is a matter of tuning the body and removing any limitations that training and competing might have created along the way. This is a natural improvement and gives athletes the best chance to succeed because we are creating the level play field they deserve."

The FICS organization was first formed in the 1980's when a group of chiropractors gathered through a shared love of sport and a desire to support smaller nations and federations. Its vision is to offer specialist services to all athletes, not just those that can afford it. Since its official formation in 1985, FICS has gone on to become a GAISF Associate Member, playing a key role in supporting athletes at the world's biggest events, including the Olympic Games, the Asian Games and the World Games.

The federation now presides over 24 member nations and has almost 2,000 Chiropractors registered and willing to travel the world in support of athletes. It is not a paid position; each individual takes part in their own time and at their own cost, however this hasn't stopped the federation growing.

In addition to attending events for practical support, FICS is active in education programs, both online and in person, ensuring that every chiropractor associated with FICS has gone through rigorous training to maintain a high standard of service and an assurance for partnering federations.

The selflessness and commitment to help a team are attributes that are fundamental in sport, and FICS embodies these traits. Their goal has never changed: to ensure every team has an equal opportunity to succeed.

"We identify with an athlete's drive to succeed and perform at their best," said Tim Ray, chair of the International Games Commission of FICS. "We love helping athletes, we easily become invested in seeing them succeed, and enjoy being able to make an important difference in minimizing their risk of injury."

Dr. Ray adds, "We are really grateful to the CSIT organization for their support in allowing FICS to participate as partners in these games."

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BORN IN ITALY TWENTY YEARS AGO, THE FXC – FIREBALL EXTREME CHALLENGE, AFTER ITS SUCCESS IN MEXICO, THE UNITED STATES AND ITS INTRODUCTION IN SPAIN LAST APRIL, RETURNED TO ITALY TO THE CAPITAL OF THE CAMPANIA REGION WITH AN EVENT THAT SAW TEAMS FROM MEXICO, SPAIN AND THE AFRICAN CONTINENT CHALLENGING SIX TEAMS REPRESENTING ITALY, GIVING LIFE TO A UNIQUE EVENT.

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The 1st International FXC – Fireball Extreme Challenge Tournament was organized last October in Naples (Italy) and has just relaunched the sport as a tool for inclusion and social integration, against all kinds of discrimination. FXC – Fireball Extreme Challenge is, in fact, a coed discipline, where the participation of men and women in the same team is mandatory and any difference in the treatment between sexes has been eliminated. The Catalan team, led by coach Jordi Luceas Espinas, won the trophy and the € 2,000 cash prize. The Spanish champions are being called to defend the title in the next FXC events: FXC – Fireball Extreme Challenge will have an international championship in Veracruz, Mexico, on March 23rd and 24th, 2019 and a third international competition during the 6th CSIT World Sports Games Tortosa 2019, Catalonia, from the 2nd to the 7th of July.

The Challenge in Naples was organized in collaboration with the support of AICS – Italian Association of Sports Culture. "Agility, resistance, fun, but also spirit of cohesion and social inclusion: these are the fundamental characteristics of Fireball, we find the spirit of AICS, that of promoting sport for all," said the national AICS and CSIT president Bruno Molea. The event was also awarded by personalities in the world of sports who have distinguished themselves by the results achieved during their career: the Olympic gold winner Sandro Cuomo, the Olympic Patrizio Oliva, the karate and judo legends 7th Dan Domenico Maurino and the 7th Dan Tullio Carmeni.

"FXC is fun, explosive and can be played by everyone, anywhere! All you need is a ball," said Cristina Giordana, National Delegate of the International Federation of FXC Spain – Fireball Extreme Challenge. This accessibility and the fact that is a coed sport, explains the success achieved so far and the adhesion of important entities such as those that we have here in Spain and in particular the Pia School in Barcelona, which has always been committed to offer young people high-level sports activities educational value".

IAAFL – INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

IAAFL IS AN INTERNATIONAL NON-PROFITABLE ASSOCIATION, FOUNDED IN 2014, SETTLED IN ITALY WITH ACTIVITIES IN MORE THAN 20 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. THE ASSOCIATION IS AFFILIATED TO AICS, ITALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SPORT AND CULTURE. THE GOAL IS TO HELP DEVELOP AMERICAN FOOTBALL, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE COUNTRIES, WHICH STARTED TO SPREAD UP THAT SPORT IN RECENT YEARS. IAAFL IS BUSY EVERY DAY TO FIND SOLUTIONS IN EVERY ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT IN ALL ITS VERSIONS ON DIFFERENT LEVELS.

www.iaafl.it

Thanks to Internet, and of course especially Facebook, the original founders got in contact with many passionate people of AF worldwide and started a huge network. They created the Organizational Chart of IAAFL, the figure of IAAFL National Commissioner, that is not more than a referring person in every country, that helps to understand where IAAFL could help with its experience to develop AF. Ten years ago, AF was played in no more than 14/15 countries due to different problems in the 90s. Today AF is played in more than 70 countries and IAAFL has 24 National Commissioners and four Continental Commissioners with official engagement letter from IAAFL.

The work of IAAFL is diverse. They organize camps for Players, Tackle or Flag, Women or Men at different skills, formation for Coaches and Referees (the Certificates of Participation are recognized from the CIO Italian Olympic Committee), international matches, demonstrative matches, national and international tournaments. National or Interregional leagues for those new teams that haven't possibilities to affiliate to official National Federations to help to strengthen teams for a future participation to respective National Championships.

IAAFL collaborates actively with many National Federations in the World and officially with FIDAF, the Italian Federation of American Football. It helps to create associations or federations, assisting the process of creation, does elaboration of statutes and rules and assists processes of recognition from national authorities. It helps to draw up internal rules of federations and sport rules adaptations from NCAA or NFL rules. IAAFL also provides a simple basic personal insurance for the activities of American Football amateurs.
IAAFL is active in Social Medias like Facebook with pages or groups dedicated to Amateurs of AF. It has a different web page related with activities of the association, searches to enter in big sport manifestations with discipline of AF in all its versions, always with the goal to increase popularity of American Football in the World. It is in contact with International Managers of IFAF and the International Federation of American Football, to help promote AF. It assists every person or owner of a AF development project to find support and realize the goal of the project. It organizes formation of new national technique directors or even prepares Sponsor dossiers and other stuff related with AF.
In January 2019 IAAFL organizes an International Tournament in Chili, with eight teams coming from all Central and South America and one team from Europe. This will be the first time, that a European Team will participate in a tournament in South America. In July 2019 IAAFL will organize the discipline of AF, in version Tackle 9v9, female & male and Flag 5v5 female & male at the CSIT World Sports Games 2019 in Tortosa, Catalonia.

IRV WHEEL GYMNASTICS
A SPORT THAT "TURNS THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN"

www.rhoenrad.com/en/

WHEEL GYMNASTICS CONSISTS OF GYM WHEEL AND CYR WHEEL. THERE ARE THREE COMPETITIVE DISCIPLINES WITHIN GYM WHEEL: STRAIGHT-LINE, SPIRAL AND VAULT. CYR WHEEL WAS ADDED TO THE IRV'S COMPETITIVE PROGRAM IN 2013. THE CYR WHEEL, A WHEEL WITH ONLY ONE RIM AND NO HANDLES, WITH ITS ALTERNATIVE AND INNOVATIVE MOVES ADS A NEW AND SPECTACULAR DIMENSION TO THE FASCINATION OF WHEEL GYMNASTICS.

IRV is the international representative body for the sport of Wheel Gymnastics, that organizes World Championships, Team World Cups, the Wheel Workshop Week including the Open Mixed Masters, coaching and judging courses, training and youth camps. It is also responsible for the international Code of Points and the certification of international judges and coaches. The IRV promotes the sport around the world and incites the international community to collaborate closely with the executive board. For this collaboration instruments like the Athlete Commission and specific working groups have been installed. The IRV is based in Switzerland and has an executive board and a technical commission comprising nine representatives from different countries who work on a voluntary basis to pave the way forward for the federation. In 2018 the highlight of the year were the World Championships in Magglingen/Switzerland with about 120 gymnasts from 13 countries. Beside the competitions, Magglingen was also a place of many encounters and a forum to further develop our sport. Experts from the sports and circus world brainstormed together in the overall aim to find new ways to create even more interesting and compelling routines. In addition to that, judges thought about a simpler and fairer judging system.
April 2019 will see the first ever Wheel Gymnastics competition in Japan. The four best national teams of the World Championships (Germany, Japan, Switzerland and the Netherlands) will travel to Akita in Northern Japan to take part in the Team World Cup 2019.
For the WSG 2019 in Tortosa the IRV will establish a new event and competition format: The IRV Wheel Workshop Week and the Open Mixed Masters. The focus is on fair play and inclusion as well as international interaction and mutual understanding in sport. Within the Wheel Workshop Week outstanding international athletes and trainers will give training tips and hints on how to improve the participants' individual Gym and Cyr Wheel performances – fun and progress guaranteed. In the Open Mixed Masters competition female and male Cyr and Gym Wheel gymnasts of all ages, nationalities and levels will team up in and perform six routines. And in 2020 the Wheel Gymnastics community will meet again in New York City for their 15th World Championships.

IUTRA – INTERNATIONAL ULTRA TRAIL AND ROAD ASSOCIATION

IUTRA is a sportive movement founded in Italy at the end of 2014 with the goal to diffuse Outdoor disciplines to National and International level. IUTRA is affiliated and connected to AICS, Italian Association for Sport and Culture via associative network called "Country Marathon".

Trail Running & Ultra Trail started in outdoor disciplines with big national events dedicated to Trail Running, Nordic Walking & Trekking in the land of Siena, Tuscany. This was the Val di Merse Ultramarathon Trail, the first National Championship of Ultra Trail & Trail Running of long and half distance, after an idea of Luca Giglioni.

The first edition was a historical event with about 1000 athletes from Italy and the rest of the World. In the last four years the movement has grown impressively! IUTRA with all its disciplines, in collaboration with AICS, is present in many Italian regions. Starting two years ago, it also developed contacts with many foreign associations to export that model of outdoor disciplines.

In only two years, IUTRA now manages five national circuits of Trail Running with different distances and one circuit of Urban Trail. Today most important national events out of about are under coordination of AICS. Like Trail Città di Cortona, Trail della Bora, Camp Trail, Aim Energy trail, Collio BRDA, K42-K21 (Italian step of International Circuit) and Vesuvio Sky Marathon.

Since 2016 IUTRA is also present in the sector of Ultra Marathon Trail. These events are organized in ancient castles, historical villages or old entrenchments with particular attention to the history and valorization of the territory. Situated especially in Tuscany, with some steps on the North of Italy (Belluno Marathon). IUTRA also manages the only existing circuit in Italy, the Tuscany Ultra Urban Trail.

City and Country
The sector of Urban Trail is a hybrid discipline adapted to the endurance athletes of Trail Running & Road Ultra Marathon. In Italy it was regulated from AICS with defined rules respecting international rules.

Walking, Nordic Walking and Trekking
From 2017, IUTRA was interested in developing walking "Slow Movement", Nordic Walking and Trekking along religious and historical ways. Almost all events are done as a kind of "non-competitive" disciplines, that involve a mass of people, proper also for non-athletes.
The movement view like tourism and prevention of illness and for psycho-physics well-being. Last year IUTRA started to organize this movement in ancient religious and historic ways like Via Romea Germanica, Via di Santa Giulia, Via di San Benedetto and of San Francesco.

Running, Marathon & Ultra-Mararthon on the Road
Road Run is diffused in all national territories in Italy like the Genova City Marathon. Next year IUTRA is going to create the first edition of the Leopoldo Ultramarathon, 50 km Arezzo-Cortina in Tuscany. Disciplines about to be created for 2019 are Orienteering, Biathlon, E-Bike and Duathlon.

www.iutra.cloud

WMF – WORLD MINIGOLF SPORT FEDERATION

THE SOLE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF MINIGOLF SPORT ASSOCIATIONS WORLDWIDE AND CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS ON ALL FIVE CONTINENTS

WMF is a member of Global Association of International Sport Federations GAISF and Alliance of Independent recognized Members of Sport AIMS, representing 63 associations as full members and more than 38,000 registered players worldwide. The members of the WMF organize over 1,500 tournaments every year. Officially founded was WMF in 1980, organizes recently World Championships, Youth World Championships, Deaf World Championships, Continental Championships for Youth and General

gov.minigolfsport.com

Class on a biennial cycle as well as the World Adventuregolf Masters and Grand Prix events each year. Minigolf is a global sport movement connecting generations and a very popular family and leisure sport, played by millions of people around the world. WMF takes its social responsibility by supporting programs for disabled people as well as activities against crime and for peace and a better life.

2018 activities: The Youth World Championships took place in Cheb (Czech Republic) with a fantastic performance of so many youth athletes from Europe and Asia. Athletes from all 5 continents were welcomed to the World Adventuregolf Masters in Horní Bezděkov (Czech Republic). WMF also organized the first Open African Championships in Accra (Ghana) with players from 17 African countries, which was a huge success for the first approach to organize Continental Championships in Africa. Also the well established Continental Championships in Europe and Asia had a long list of participating players in all categories.The Minigolf Summit as a huge initiative for players with various disabilities was arranged by the European and World Minigolf Sport Federation with the local club in Costa Nova (Portugal) as organizer. During 10 days lots of activities and events took place for deaf and blind players as well as for players with other disabilities.

2019 highlights : The biggest highlights will be the WMF International Minigolf Speed Championships during the CSIT World Sports Games 2019 in Tortosa (Spain), the World Championships in Zhouzhuang (China) as the first World Championships in Asia, the Deaf World Championships in Bamberg (Germany) and the World Adventuregolf Masters in Kungälv (Sweden).

PANATHLON – NEW CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES AWARD

www.panathlon-international.org

AS OF THE CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES TORTOSA 2019, THE CSIT WILL RECEIVE A NEW PANATHLON-CSIT WSG AWARD.

Panathlon International President Pierre Zappelli recently presented the new special award at the CSIT Congress in Tortosa. The Panathlon-CSIT WSG award is in collaboration with the CSIT Cooperation Partner PI – Panathlon International and will be awarded every two years during the CSIT World Sports Games, starting in Tortosa 2019. Nominees may be any natural persons aged over or under 18, without distinction.
The Prize will consist of a trophy awarded on account of initiatives or actions undertaken over the two previous CSIT World Sports Games calendar years or in recognition of one's lifetime achievement. By awarding this prize, the organizers wish to acknowledge, reward and celebrate those who have honoured and advocated such fundamental principles through their example and their actions.
The Award is the apex of all the nominations received from CSIT Member Unions, since all of them promote and celebrate sport. The nominations for the prizes shall be submitted by CSIT to Panathlon International not later than the end of January of the year when the CSIT World Games are held. For 2019, this deadline will be extended until the end of March 2019. The winner will be invited to and for the first time awarded within the frame of the CSIT World Sports Games 2019 in Tortosa!
One of the objectives of the award is to encourage, coordinate and promote development of the sporting ideal and of its moral and cultural values, in all the countries where CSIT is established. The Award gives all CSIT Member Unions from the various countries a chance to nominate candidates, who have distinguished themselves in upholding the ethical and cultural values of sport.

PARA-SPORT IN CSIT

www.csit.tv/en/para-sport

THE CSIT AND PARA-SPORT DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT GAMES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROM INTO THE CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES 2019 IN TORTOSA.

During the CSIT Congress in Tortosa officials and specialists of the para-sports-community had the opportunity to interact with people and show, demonstrate and explain through a video and images how

important integration is. Specially in the selected sports through team disciplines such as basketball, volleyball, five-a-side football and handball, all together team events.
It is very important to introduce first the team sports to the CSIT WSG, as this is indispensable for the participants to give them the possibility to make friends, to share emotions, in the victories as in the defeats. Learn respect for teammates but also for the team adversaries, and above all live integration through the regulations of integrated sports, which allows them to interact with other children, other disabilities but also with able-bodied children.
During the CSIT congress in Tortosa the responsible people had fruitful conversations with the technicians of the planned disciplines that renewed the energy to give even more determination in carrying out the duty and give the best even with the collaboration of FISDIR, the Italian Paralympic federation of the relational intellectuals. It was not only the opportunity to talk about sports, but also see the venues for the events in Tortosa, which are ideal for the proposed team sports!
There will be still a lot of work to do, but the responsible people are sure the results will be great to see and a big experience for all!

For further information please contact the new CSIT Para-Sports Coordinator Claudia Borzacchini directly via **borclaudia18@gmail.com**.

WOF WORLD O-SPORT – OBSTACLE MULTI STAGE SPORT

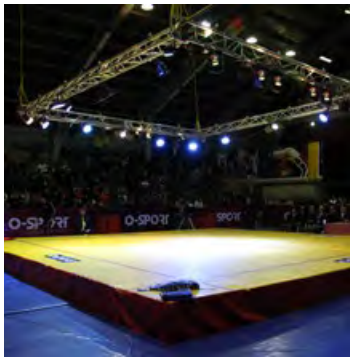
THE WORLD O-SPORT FEDERATION (WOF) WAS FOUNDED ON 15TH DECEMBER 2005 IN HAMEDAN CITY IN ACCORDANCE TO AMATEUR GOALS OF SPORT WITH HUMANITARIAN AIMS. O-SPORT CONSISTS OF VARIOUS COMPETITION DISCIPLINES EQUALLY FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN AND HAS BECOME VERY POPULAR IN MANY COUNTRIES.

www.o-sport.info

The Obstacle Multi Stage Sport technical structure of O-Sport is formed of traditional arts and games, such as dooz, slingshot, Ley ley, crossing of water and land and traditional martial arts tribes. During a process of deep studies and modernization with benefit of science relief and rescue as well as fast response techniques, these sports now include Aqua O-Sport, Combat O-Sport, Mind O-Sport, Artistic O-Sport.

Aqua O-Sport
The combination shooting with slingshot, crossing the obstacles on the water and the land with acrobatic movements in the fastest possible time.

Combat O-Sport
The combination of shooting with slingshot, crossing the obstacles on the water or the land with acrobatic movements in the fastest possible time and finally fighting on the competition platform or ring in order to showcase combat capabilities of athletes.



Mind O-Sport
The combination of mind skills with geometric equations in order to link 3 people or stone in intersecting lines on a 24-dot screen in three types of groups and physical skills, rhythmic and balanced movements which is done as group with music and instruments.

Artistic O-Sport
The combination of shooting skills, passing through the barriers with acrobatic skills.

O-Sport registration & recognition also in Olympic Movement
They are registered in I.R. Iran at physical education organization, instruments and landed property, youth & sport ministry and in the National Olympic Committee of I.R. Iran. Further O-Sport is member of WADA, TAFISA, International Sport for all Games, International Humanitarian Games and the CSIT World Sports Games. As partner of CSIT World O-Sport is organizing the 12th World O-Sport Championships during the 6th CSIT World Sports Games from 2nd to 7th July 2019 in Torosa, Spain.

ROLLER SKATING

Under the leadership of the AICS National Committee of Artistic Roller Skating chairman Claudio Faragona "CSIT Artistic Roller Skating Championships for Amateurs" will be held within the frame of the 6th CSIT World Sports Games in Tortosa. Thanks to the close cooperation with the World Skate-Federation excellent championships can be expected.

For further information please contact Mr. Faragona directly via **csit.artistic.roller.skating@gmail.com**.

POSA – POLE SPORTS AND ARTS WORLD FEDERATION

"CLASH OF TITANS" AT THE CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES

www.posaworld.org

OVER THE PAST DECADE, POLE SPORTS HAVE GROWN EXPONENTIALLY WITH HUNDREDS OF ATHLETES AROUND THE WORLD COMPETING IN HIGH-LEVEL COMPETITIONS. CREATED IN 2015, POSA IS THE LEADING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND IS COMPRISED OF MULTIPLE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, MEXICO, ITALY, UKRAINE, RUSSIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, KOREA, AND BRAZIL.

With sports recognition as one of its goals, POSA was created to unite, lead, regulate, organize and develop the practice and competition of pole sports and pole art around the world. There has been a large disconnect within the community on standardization of athlete expectations and judging methods. POSA hopes to bridge that gap and advance the philosophy and goals of pole sports worldwide.

In the last few years, new leaders and pioneers have emerged to assist POSA in its efforts to bring the pole community together. The result was the success of the first Pole Sport World Championships 2016 in Italy that featured over 120 athletes from around the world, full live stream, and over 800 spectators. This was also the first time in the history of pole that there were para-pole athletes competing in their own division, which brought the crowd to their feet. Shortly after the Pole Sports World Championships ended, Pole Art Worlds was held in Turin, Italy, on March 4th – 5th accommodating over 110 athletes. In less than a year the international federation was able to bring on over 13 national federations and hosted two world championships.

POSA has also made significant progress in the last year by joining forces with World Heavy Events Association (WHEA), an organization that is responsible for the anti-doping policies in compliance with the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA). In the international POSA events 2018 and forward all athletes will have to sign a WHEA anti-doping contract.

POSA is working towards development of competitions with several organizations on four continents. The leadership comes from the sport world and the vision to work with other sports to improve regulations and experiences, which will help guide the committee through this very exciting time. Pole Sports and Art continue to grow exponentially among practitioners and fans alike. POSA continues its mission of inclusion and cooperation with all pole groups worldwide with the goal of advancing the sport to its proper place alongside other recognized sports and disciplines.

2019 promises to be the biggest year so for POSA with new major initiatives, all keeping with the commitment to listen and respond to developmental needs of the global pole community. In July, at CSIT- World Sports Games 2019, POSA will have two different competition: The World Pole Sport Amateurs (first time Pole Sport for amateurs) and The "Pole Sport World Games Cup" for competitive athletes. This competition will be like a "Clash of Titans" of Pole Sport, as these athletes will be the very best of the best, qualified through the last World Championship.

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