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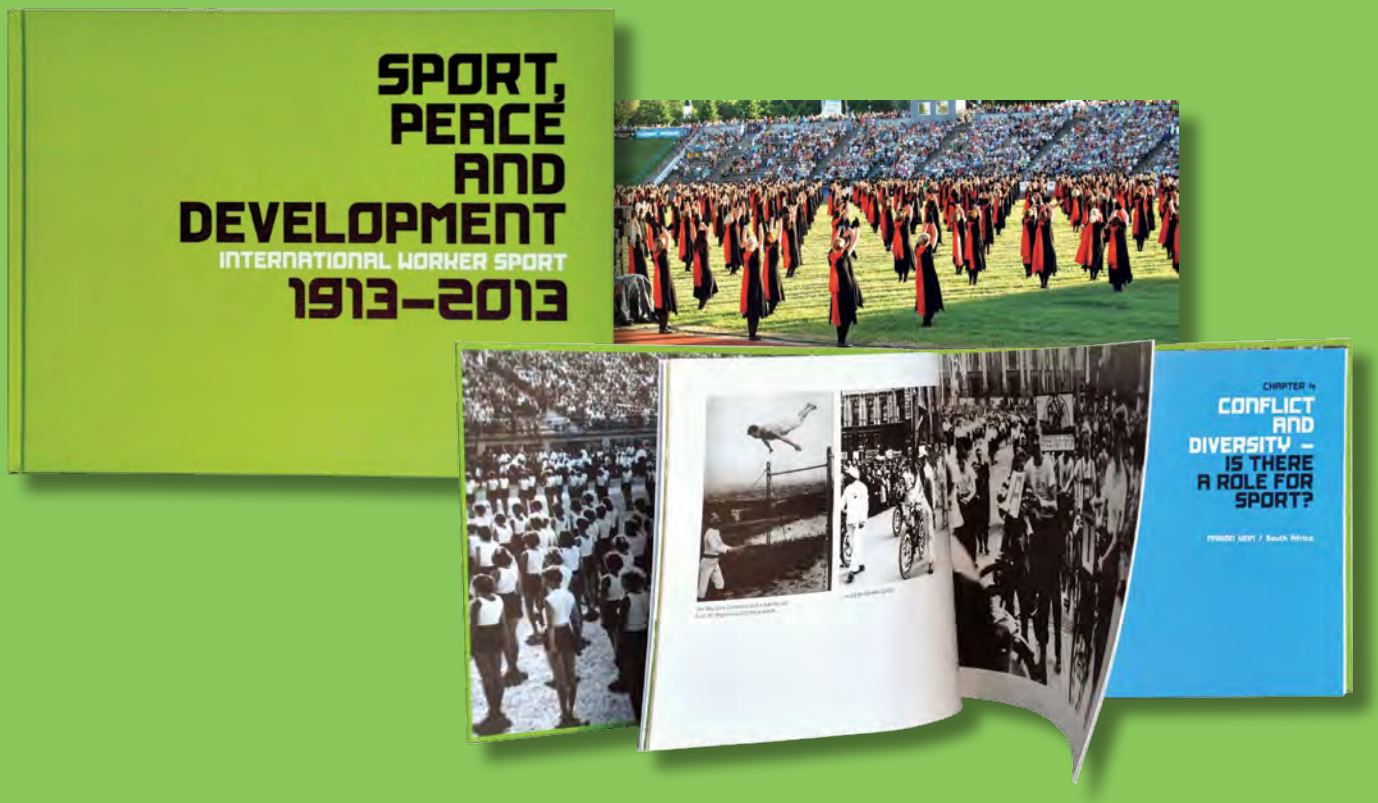
SPORT, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL WORKER SPORT 1913–2013



Sport is a fascinating social phenomenon in society. Sport is seen to play an important role as a promoter for peace and social integration in different geographical, cultural and political contexts. Has sport prevented conflicts and tensions? The answer is no, because it is not sport that can do so; it is us, writes Dr. Marion Keim, Professor at the University of the Western Cape and an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa.
Worker sport movements are a part of the above mentioned social phenomenon. This Festschrift book describes the 100 years development, the current state and the future international sports partnerships of the International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation (CSIT). It also predicts that women might be the future of sport.
This book tells us how and why the world organization having more than 208 million registered clients and members in 44 member organizations from 34 countries has grown to a player in sport for all movement in Europe, Americas, Africa and Far East.
This book is a necessary read not only for the members of the CSIT but also for everyone interested in the multidimensional functions of sport in society.

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Thank you for your trust in me.
I am aware that we will win only as unity.
All the best for 2017.

Dear sport friends in CSIT,

Sport is a vehicle of dialogue, a tool of social integration and communication: educating young people to the sport values means raising them in physical and social wellbeing. I want to start my job as President of CSIT from young and together with young.

With the presidency of Harald Bauer I shared all projects and aims: my presidency will be in the sign of continuance of the last years policies of CSIT. I want to continue in the marked direction, trying to re-launch it, but also considering new challenges.

There are three issues on which I want to pay my attention and assure my commitment: communication, young leaders and the re-launch of the Games to attract more sponsors.

I believe that internal and external communication should be encouraged, strengthened and re-launched. We can do this through enhancing a relevant role for CSIT young leaders, who should represent our future and the continuance of our Confederation. Through them, we can invest in new challenges and make a bigger use of new technologies, so to improve our efficiency inside and our potentials outside of the Confederation. Through young leaders we could get new members, broaden the movement and make it more universal and stronger. Moreover we have to pay attention to the search of new cooperation partners and sponsors, useful to collect new resources, to be used in the development of CSIT activities.

According to these visions, the CSIT World Sports Games should become our brand, as a tool to attract sponsors, thinking about those games as our "Olympics": an occasion that has increasingly become more and more a huge world-wide multi-sport event and less a mere associative context, to attract more sponsors for CSIT.

Furthermore I believe that time has come to create within the World Sports Games a section for athletes with disabilities: everyone has the right to socialize, to participate and to compete. Our role and our history of men and women dedicated to the promotion of sports for all asks us now to act actually considering the needs of all.

To do that, I need the support of all members. I am aware that we win only as unity: if divided, we cannot achieve our common objectives. Thank you and good luck with your work then.

Bruno Molea
CSIT President

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THE LIFE OF THE NEW CSIT PRESIDENT BRUNO MOLEA HAS ALWAYS BEEN CENTRED ON THE FOUNDING THEMES OF CSIT - SPORT PROMOTION AND RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND MEMBER ORGANISATIONS.

by Roberto Vecchione

BRUNO MOLEA
THE NEW CSIT PRESIDENT

Bruno Molea was born in Tripoli (Libia) in 1955. Since 1970 the new CSIT president is living in Forlì, in the northern part of Italy, were he graduated as surveyor. Molea is married with Catia and has one daughter, who recently gave him two grandsons.

The career of Bruno Molea in the last four decades is very impressive. Actually he is the National President of AICS, the Italian Association of Culture and Sport, a no-profit organisation dealing with sport and culture promotion, member of CSIT and recognized by CONI (Italian Olympic Committee). He is member of the National Committee of CONI and Deputy Member of the Italian Parliament.

From 1975 Molea has been surveying advisor of the municipality of Forlì, where he was involved in foreign markets sector. But his passion for sport (President Molea was federal football referee) led him, since he was young, to deal in sport training as technician, as director within AICS and as leader in the sport club volleyball of Forlì. He founded AICS Volley Forlì of which he was President until 2009, leading the club and his first team to the B1 Women's Championship, and gaining the promotion into A2.

His sporting commitment moved soon from the playing fields to the institutional representation. From 1990 to 1998 Molea was President of AICS Committee of Forlì-Cesena. 1998 he was President of AICS Emilia Romagna until 2006 and then designated as National President of AICS.

AICS, chaired by Molea, is not only recognized by CONI as a sport promotion agency, AICS is also recognized by many Italian ministries as institution for social policies, as well as a voluntary and civil protection organization. For these reasons, in representation of the association that now has 900.000 members, Molea is member of the national executive committee of the Third Sector Forum.

The 6th February of 2013 Molea was elected as member of the National board of the Italian National Olympic Committee. From 2009 he was the vice president of ISTO, the International Organization of Social Tourism. His commitment within AICS to support culture and sport as wellbeing means was crucial, meaning them as tool able to promote social cohesion values and inclusion, operating for the development of social promotion and for the moral and social growth of the Association, enhancing forms of active citizenship. Journalist with a past in the Socialist Party, Molea received in 2009 a medal of merit of the Italian Republic and the Gold Star to the sportive merit from CONI. In 2013 he received the international award by the Order of the Knights of Malta as peace attorney.

2013 Molea was elected within a civic list in the Italian political elections: he was second in his constituency (Emilia Romagna). Now he is deputy member of the XVII Italian legislature. He is vice president of the Culture Commission in the Chamber of Deputies and secretary of the Supervisory Committee of RAI, the Italian television.

THANK YOU, HARRY!

by Bruno Molea

Harald Bauer during the Opening Ceremony of the WSG 2015 in Lignano and with the new CSIT President Bruno Molea in the Strategy Working Group meeting.

When my predecessor, Harald Bauer spoke to me for the first time about his new working commitments and about the need to leave the CSIT as President, I thought the Confederation would have lost a balanced and organized guide, able to forge institutional and international relations, equipped with a forward-thinking perspective for sport promotion.

I was really proud when Harald Bauer spoke to me about the possibility that I am the person that is able to replace him as President of the CSIT.

I would like to thank Harald Bauer for what he has done during his presidency: he represented a relevant turning point for CSIT, providing to the Confederation adaptations up to date. Always available to interactions, under his presidency we signed strategic protocols with other organizations and re-launched the Confederation as a more open and well-known platform.

I actually believe that this strategic policy is proper for an Confederation, with its 100 years, which now faces the need of a new way to communicate and to develop itself taking into considerations new world challenges. Together we have been able to reach important goals: I hope that I can continue to count on his contribution to face new challenges. I hope to continue the work undertaken by my predecessor, to whom I give my best wishes for the new challenges of his life. His period as CSIT President will remain in the collective memory of the Confederation.

CORDIAL THANKS
for wonderful years in CSIT

AUSTRIAN HARALD BAUER RESIGNED AS CSIT PRESIDENT DUE TO BUSINESS REASONS. BAUER, CSIT PRESIDENT SINCE 2008, LAST JUNE SIGNED A CONTRACT AS CEO OF THE AUSTRIAN "SPORTS FOUNDATION", AN ORGANISATION THAT SUPPORTS 250 AUSTRIAN TOP-ATHLETES FINANCIALLY. BAUER IS LOOKING BACK TO WONDERFUL EIGHT YEARS ON TOP OF THE ORGANISATION.

After five years of experience in the CSIT Excom, the majority of the member unions elected me during the CSIT Congress in Tel Aviv 2008 for the chairmanship of CSIT. Proud and grateful upon the trust I have received, my newly composed Excom team started with me a mutual journey with a clear vision.

Being prepared of my predecessor Professor Kalevi Olin we started with a concept of re-organisation and re-structured the confederation. It was obvious that CSIT should have modern structures, a clear vision and several goals to reach. So we decided during the congress in RIO to open CSIT to all amateurs in sport worldwide.

Developing the concept of the World Sports Games, which are a brand and a product at the same time, the Games grew and became popular in the international world of Sport. Gathering a couple of thousands of participants every second year, the competitions as well as sports for all activities attract and inspire young and old athletes alike.

I am glad and satisfied for having received friendship and fruitful cooperation from all my Excom colleagues, technical sport commissioners and co-operation partners. Today I can hand over the presidency to MP Bruno Molea who will lead the CSIT into a fruitful and prosperous future.

In my new business position I am responsible for the support of 250 professional top-level athletes of the Austrian sports community by granting them monthly financial subventions in order to allow them professional training and lifestyle. I really love my new professional life and at the same time I love to remain as an active board member in CSIT in order to continue the process I have started in Tel Aviv in October 2008.

I wish our new President Bruno Molea the best success and will be available in any case the CSIT will need me.

See you all in Riga !

Cordially,
Harald Bauer

Harald Bauer in his new position during the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and together with Hans Peter Doskozil, the Austrian Minister of Sports.

RIGA IS EXCITED TO HOST WORLD SPORTS GAMES 2017

by Raimonds Akmens

THE BALTIC CSIT MEMBER UNION LATVIAN SPORT FOR ALL ASSOCIATION – LTSA IS EXCITED TO HOST THE 5th CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES (WSG) IN RIGA FROM 13th TO 18th JUNE, 2017. THE CAPITAL OF LATVIA IS WELCOMING CSIT, ITS WORLD SPORTS GAMES, THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS & AMATEUR SPORTS MOVEMENT AND THE SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO PRACTICE AND COMPETE IN SPORTS AND SPORTS FOR ALL ACTIVITIES IN THE BEST ATMOSPHERE AND CONDITIONS.

WORLD SPORTS GAMES 2017

The Riga Organizing Committee (RIGOC) of the Games is a team of experienced professionals that will ensure CSIT WSG 2017 on a top level. RIGOC includes members from different areas of expertise as accommodation, sports facilities or sports management. The CSIT WSG 2017 will be organised with support of the Riga city council, the Association of Latvian Sports Federations and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Latvia.

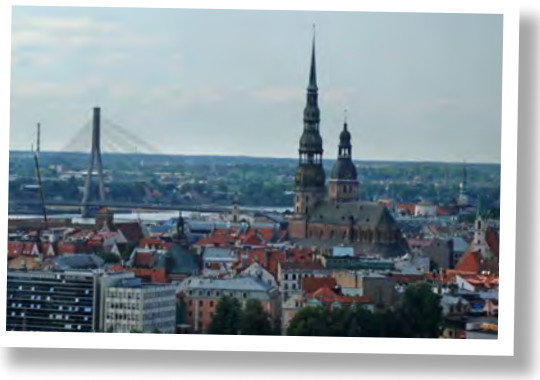
The participants will be provided a real international sports week with additional touristic and cultural content they will never forget: 16 CSIT official championships as well as other championships, such as Wheel Gymnastics (IRV) Open Mixed Masters 2017, YOU.FO – International Tournament 2017, Street Workout – World Cup 2017, Latvian Open Crossminton Championships 2017 and many more, new and demonstration sports and a special programme for seniors. This is just a short summary what to expect at WSG 2017. More information can be found on the official Website **http://wsg2017.com/** also containing the final invitation, on-line registration platform and many other useful information.

During the CSIT Congress in Riga, October 17 to October 23, LTSA shared its vision and the concept of WSG 2017. The congress was attended by approx. 130 representatives of sports organisations from 26 different countries. Delegates had the chance to experience hospitality and warmth of RIGOC, to discuss sports regulations during technical commission sessions and to visit the sports facilities for the upcoming 5th World Sports Games 2017.

SPORTS FACILITIES ARE READY

There are plenty of sports facilities in Riga that are suitable for World Sports Games. Athletes in every sports discipline will have access to high quality indoor and outdoor facilities based on their needs. All sports objects are located very close to city center of Riga and can be easily reached by public transport, which is a very big advantage. During the CSIT Congress in Riga, the delegates visited various sports objects like the Daugava Sports Center, Olympic Sports Center and sports facilities of several schools in Riga.

The Congress house located in a lovely Kronvalda park is currently considered as a possible location for a main meeting point. Opening and closing ceremonies will be held on Lucavsala (a perfect place for outdoor summer activities like concerts and other public events) or Skonto stadium (located in the heart of Riga

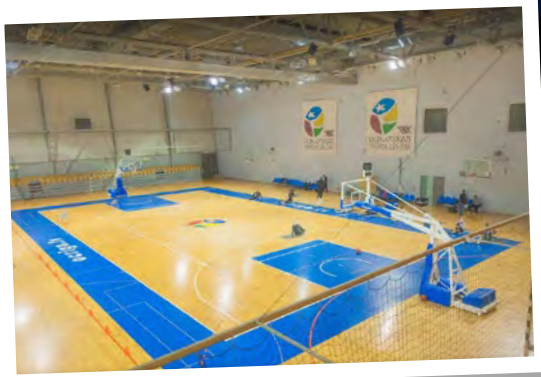


with all the necessary infrastructure). Riga`s beautiful parks will be used for activities for seniors (e.g. yoga, meditation) as well as new and demonstrative sports.

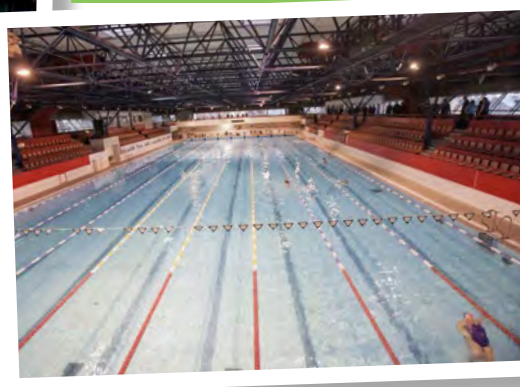
FASCINATING RIGA YOU WILL NEVER BE BORED

LTSA will make sure that every participant of the WSG 2017 will feel at home in Riga. There are plenty of options for day and night activities. Exciting sightseeing tours will help WSG 2017 guests to understand better Riga´s interesting history, to enjoy Art Nouveau and medieval architecture.

The Old Town of Riga is full of locals and tourists and bustling nightlife. One may easily be tempted by the rich choice of nightclubs, bars, pubs or shot bars. Traditionally Latvians enjoy drinking beer and often you will find some local craft beers on offer. LTSA will be organizing social events every evening for WSG 2017 participants, so that everyone will have the chance to enjoy Riga´s nightlife.



There are plenty of excellent sports facilities in Riga that are suitable for World Sports Games.



Additionally, when exploring Riga on your own or with friends, you can enjoy open-air concerts on Thursdays at Kalnciema Street Quarter (located close to city center, on the left bank of the river Daugava) or in Berga bazars (in the city center). Both of these places frequently host also different thematic markets of local products (food and crafts).

When the weather is good, it is nice to sit on the terrace of one of the numerous restaurants in the Old Town, listening to live music. Another option would be to attend one of the restaurants with roof terraces to enjoy a delightful bird-eye view of Riga.

RIGA THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF BALTICS

Riga has successful experience in hosting a lot of important sports and cultural events such as EFCS Sport Games 2001, World Ice Hockey Championship 2006, various European Basketball Championships (e.g. Eurobasket 2015) or Annual Riga Marathon (20.000 athletes). National song and dance festivals and World choir games are events that have thousands of participants and are real celebrations of talent and joy.

Riga is a very beautiful 816 years old city, where medieval architecture meets art-nouveau (Riga's historical center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/ Jugendstil architecture and 19th century wooden architecture). But at the same time, it is the capital of Latvia, an important economic center in the Baltic Sea Region, a trade center between East and West.

FLIGHTS TO RIGA SPECIAL OFFERS FOR WSG PARTICIPANTS

Thanks to its central location Riga is a perfect transport hub in the Baltics. Riga airport is currently servicing around 5 million passengers per year. AirBaltic Corporation is offering direct flights to more than 60 destinations in Europe, Central Asia and Middle East and plans to offer new ones soon to Stavanger, Catania, Gothenburg, Tampere, Aberdeen and Geneva in summer 2017. AirBaltic has special offers for WSG 2017 participant groups (especially for European destinations). Get information on **sportgroups@airbaltic.lv.**

CULTURAL LIFE

Cultural life in Riga is very rich: Latvian National Opera, concerts and exhibition halls always have something interesting to offer. Riga has plenty of good restaurants with different types of cuisine. Many famous restaurants use seasonal local products, offering a real gastronomic journey: e.g. in 2017 a special concept, called "Wild at Palate", will help to get to know the diverse dining out pleasure to be found in Riga and nearby cities of Sigulda, Cesis and Valmiera. However European, Italian, Asian food is quite popular in Riga too.

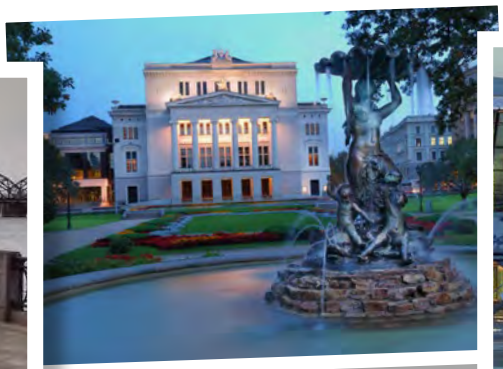
It is possible to have SPA treatments and beauty procedures in Riga city center (even extraordinary options like e.g. beer SPA are available). Riga has plenty of shopping centers with easy-to-get location (e.g. in the Old Town, near the central station).

HOSPITALITY IS EVERYWHERE

Riga is known for its hospitality. The hotel staff is very professional and always glad to assist. The capacity for accommodation in Riga is 15 000 beds, so it will not be a problem to provide proper accommodation to all participants of the WSG 2017. Many hotels are located in the city center, others are often within walking distance or can be easily reached by public transport. Hotels represent 3 categories: 4 stars, 3 stars and 2 stars.

The list of the hotels can be found on WSG 2017 website **http://wsg2017.com/**.

Riga is ready and waiting for you - CSIT World Sports Games from 13th to 18th June 2017!



by Palle Thomsen

CSIT SENIORS Formation Course IN SAINT-BRICE-SOUS-FORÊT, FRANCE

More than twenty opinion leaders and specialists from 7 member unions took part in the 3rd formation course "Physical activities for seniors" 21-23 September 2016 in Saint-Brice-Sous-Forêt, France. The participants came from AFWSI (Iran), FROS (Belgium), TUL (Finland), HAPOEL (Israel), UISP (Italy), DAI (Denmark) and FSGT (France).

The participants are used to instruct seniors and elderly people at home and all participants had a fruitful and pleasant time of sharing experiences and proposing new ideas and activities. The evaluation showed that all could bring something back home. Even though there were a lot of laughter and smiles during the three days. All the participants came with one very important professional goal. Instead of just talking about the activities everybody had to participate, so it's very hands-on courses.

Some of the ideas that worked well on the course will be used at the World Sports Games 2017 in Riga, Latvia. The instructors could then also have the chance to instruct a larger group of athletes at the WSG.

38th ORDINARY CONGRESS IN RIGA

The Ideal Host for the World Sports Games 2017

ABOUT 130 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE CSIT CONGRESS AND DECISIONS WERE TAKEN IN SEVERAL BODIES WITHIN THE FRAME OF THIS CONGRESS–WEEK. BESIDES THE APPOINTMENT OF BRUNO MOLEA AS NEW PRESIDENT, THE PARTICIPANTS WERE GIVEN PLENTY OF USEFUL AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE UPCOMING 5th CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES IN JUNE NEXT YEAR IN THIS WONDERFUL BALTIC CITY OF RIGA, LATVIA.

by Wolfgang Burghardt

Prior to the Congress the CSIT Executive Committee held its regular meeting. During this week CSIT Vice-President Anu Rajajärvi from Finland organized a conference for Young Leaders with positive response from all participating unions. For the coming years Mrs. Rajajärvi aims to give a strong voice to the CSIT youth and young leaders in the Executive Committee.

The Congress was opened with the welcome speech of the resigning CSIT President Harald Bauer and Andris Berzins, President of the hosting CSIT member LTSA and former Prime Minister of Latvia. Further guest speeches were held by Kārlis Šadurskis (Latvian Minister of Education and Science) and Zorzs Tikmers (Vice President Olympic Committee Latvia).

Special Guests were CSIT Honorary President Kalevi Olin from Finland und Honorary Member Avigdor Dagon from Israel as well as high representatives from CSIT cooperation partners as EFPM President Christian Hinterberger, IRV President Henning Henningsen, FICEP President Gerhard Hauer, FIFCO President Albert Zbily, YOU.FO Founder and CEO Bas Ruyssenaars and MAMANET Founder Ofra Abramovich.

CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES 2017 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The preparation status of the CSIT World Sports Games 2017 in Riga (WSG) has been considered satisfactory by CSIT's specialists. All members of the technical sports commissions and the international delegates had the possibility to visit the sports venues in Riga and had fruitful discussions and coordination meetings with the sports-specialists of the WSG Organizing Committee RIGOC.

All participants were informed about a new online-registration-platform and the new **"WSG 2017-APP 2.0"** for the upcoming games. The Technical Commissions as well as the new Secretary of Swimming Roberto Vecchione (AICS) had a special training for using and serving the new APP

for actual and quick information for all kinds of sports (results, timetable, ranking...) as well as social events during these event days.

Nowadays Doping is a serious topic and Sports Director Henk Bouchoms presented the **new Anti-Doping Policy of CSIT**, which can be found in the Anti-Doping-Corner of the download-center on **www.csit.tv**. He underlined the excellent cooperation with the specialists of SportAccord and WADA and gave thanks for their support; he reminded that Doping Tests will be conducted at all World Sports Games and all participants have to sign obligatory the "Appendix 2 – Consent Form" in the run-up to the World Sports Games 2017.

CSIT Sports Director Bouchoms announced that within the frame the WSG 2017 **elections of the Technical Commission members in each official CSIT sport** will be held in Riga. Candidatures to chair and to act as secretary of the Technical Commissions for the next four years can only be accepted from full member organisations. Simultaneously each full member organisation has voting rights. Indispensable besides the competence in the specific sport is the necessity to speak English and optional French.

HOW TO GET VISA FOR RIGA 2017

For a World Confederation as the CSIT the visa topic is always of highest importance. WSG 2017 host LTSA invited Ambassador-Director General Mihails Popkovs, a specialist from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to hold a presentation about the Latvian VISA policy. It is a general recommendation to get in contact with the specific embassy in time, almost half a year in advance and to coordinate intensively with our host union the Latvian Sports for All Association – LTSA. Further information about contact data can be found here: **wsg2017.com**

CSIT Secretary General Wolfgang Burghardt and Kārlis Šadurskis, Latvian Minister of Education and Science.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE CSIT WSG 2017!

The on-line registration platform on the official Games webpage **wsg2017.com** is open and the preliminary registration phase will end on February 15, 2017. With this preliminary registration (phase 1) should be indicated the number of participants, gender, sports discipline, hotel categories, estimated day of arrival and departure. From February 15 to May 7 (phase 2) is the period for the detailed online registration (definitive registration).

Access Codes for registration have been sent directly to all CSIT member unions meanwhile. All other organisations, companies and interested persons, which are not CSIT members, can easily demand their individual access data. Further information about registration can be found here: **wsg2017.com**

FUTURE CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES (WSG)

The CSIT with all its bodies and specialists is working hard to develop this major event continuously and plenty of experience has been gained meanwhile to give advice and support to actual and future host unions and cities. Even CSIT President Bruno Molea was successful host of the WSG 2015 in Lignano.

For 2019 there are several interested CSIT member unions to host the next edition of this major sports event. A decision about the awarding of the games 2019 will be expected in the first half of 2017. The CSIT Executive Committee underlines that applications even for two event-years simultaneously can be submitted in terms of planning security for the applicant organisation as well as the CSIT. More info about the candidature procedure for hosting CSIT World Sports Games can be found on **www.csit.tv**.

SPORTS FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

Vice President Palle Thomsen presented the senior formation course in Paris and introduced his plans for the World Sports Games in summer 2017, where a big group of seniors and specialists in this specific field of recreation service and sports will share their ideas and knowledge. Especially multipliers, coaches and generally specialist are welcome to participate, because nowadays Sports for elderly people and seniors is a global phenomenon and movement and a lot of CSIT member unions have specialists with opinion leadership in their home countries.

CHANGE OF ARTICLES

The Congress accepted in part the proposal of the Executive Committee to amend the financial section of the articles in order to take into account the continuous professionalization of the CSIT Office staff. Objective was also to enhance the commitment and the fairness amongst all member unions.

THE HIGHLIGHT: BRUNO MOLEA THE NEW PRESIDENT OF CSIT

CSIT Congress has appointed Italian Bruno Molea as new President of the organisation. Molea took over the presidency of Austrian Harald

CSIT Congress has appointed Italian Bruno Molea (right) as new President of the organisation. Molea took over the presidency of the Austrian Harald Bauer, who resigned due to business reasons.

Bauer, who resigned due to business reasons. Bauer, CSIT President since 2008, recently signed a contract as CEO of the Austrian "Sporthilfe", an organisation for sponsorship of Austrian Top-Athletes.

CSIT NEW MEMBERS

The CSIT leadership is pleased about the remarkable number of membership applications, which indicates the attractiveness. Not all applications were completed, but finally the Congress decided to incorporate four new organisations and confer them the status "CSIT Candidate Member":

1. Iraqi Company Sports Federation represented by its President Akram Alawadi, Vice President Ali Hussaien, Abdul Kareem and Wameedh al Jasanee;
2. UCEC - Unió de Consells Esportius de Catalunya (Spain), introduced personally by its President Jaume Domingo i Planas;
3. Centro Nazionale Sportivo Libertas (Italy) and
4. Centro Sportivo Educativo Nationale (Italy), two multi-sport organizations, similar structured to the actual Italian members.

The „International Player Welfare Organisation (Nepal)", represented by Secretary General Tripal Lama, received the „CSIT Observer Status". The Congress also decided to exclude several inactive members.

CONGRESS 2017 IN EILAT ISRAEL

Next CSIT Congress will be held in Eilat (Israel), October 23-29, 2017. CSIT member union and host HAPOEL is looking forward to welcoming the whole CSIT family at this very attractive place at the Red Sea.

CSIT Honorary President Kalevi Olin (above) and CSIT Honorary Member Avigdor Dagon also took part in the CSIT Congress in Riga.

CSIT Congress decided to incorporate four new organisations and confer them the status "CSIT Candidate Member".

left below: Kārlis Šadurskis (Latvian Minister of Education and Science), Žoržs Tikmers (Vice President Olympic Committee Latvia) and Andris Berzins (President of the hosting CSIT member LTSA and former Prime Minister of Latvia).

CSIT is growing
NEW MEMBERSHIPS

by Raimund Fabi

IRAQI COMPANIES SPORT FEDERATION

ICSF was founded on 15 June 2003. The first name was Iraqi sport federation to workers in foundations and companies. Only one year later, on 3 May 2004, the federation was officially accepted and recognized by Iraq Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Iraqi Olympic Committee and was officially named Iraqi Companies Sport Federation. On 22 December 2004 the federation became also member of the Arabic federation and joined the CSIT on 20 October 2016 during the Congress in Riga.

Iraqi companies sport federation is taking care of workers sport inside work positions (foundations and companies) and all the sections special and general and governmental foundations to take the talented players and chose the elegance to national teams to help and give the Olympic Committee special athletes from workers section.

There is a wide range of activities and a lot of different sports in the federation: Football, Mini Football, Beach Soccer, Table Tennis, Chess, Fighting Art, Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Handball, Swimming, Track and Field, Badminton, Billiard and Snooker, Body Building as well as the organization of courses for coaches and referees of the different kinds of sports.

ICSF participates regular in sports festivals and tournaments like the 18th Arabic futsal championship for companies, held in Sharm al-Shekh (Egypt) last year, were the Iraqi Federation Futsal-team finished on second stage. The Iraqi federation championships for companies in Table-Tennis were played in Baghdad, the capital of Iraq. 15 participants played in this tournament. 16 foundations and companies took part in the Iraqi federation championship for companies in Futsal, also in Baghdad, with a huge number of spectators and media channels. The young federation is on a good way and growing continuously.

UNIÓ DE CONSELLS ESPORTIUS DE CATALUNYA

The Spanish organization UCEC is a non-profit sports association, founded in 1993, that binds, coordinates and represents all sports councils in Catalonia/Spain. UCEC is present in four territorial groups (corresponding to the four Catalan provinces), organized in 45 sports councils, according to the Catalan territorial organisation (comarca - county).

The association has to look after the correct performance of the sports councils and has to guarantee that sport and recreational activities practised at school age are carried out with standards, which will benefit a healthy and integral formation for all citizens.

Sports councils are non-profit, private and legal entities of public and social interest. The 45 Sports Councils of Catalonia have as main objectives the development, organisation and promotion of physical activity at school- and adult-age in their area.

Organisation of school age sport activities: Catalan school sport games (JEEC). School age sport competitions (announced by the Parliament of Catalonia), Sports activities Indoor and Outdoor in and out of school together with physical education teachers, sport plans for children, Sports tournaments and events, sports holidays and sports camps in summer and winter, fun and sporting activities during school breaks, leisure sports activities for all (sports for adults and elderly people), sports competition leagues for adults, health programmes for all ages and for groups at risk (physical activities for disabled people), formation courses for teachers, coaches, judges and referees as well as management of sporting facilities and different sporting services like lifeguards.

THE CSIT LEADERSHIP IS PLEASED ABOUT THE REMARKABLE NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, WHICH INDICATES THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION. AT THE LAST CONGRESS IN OCTOBER IN RIGA CSIT GAVE THE "OBSERVER STATUS" TO THE "INTERNATIONAL PLAYER WELFARE ORGANIZATION (NEPAL)" AND DECIDED TO INCORPORATE FOUR NEW ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFER THEM THE STATUS "CSIT CANDIDATE MEMBER":

CENTRO NAZIONALE SPORTIVO LIBERTAS

Libertas was founded in 1945 during the years of the post-second-world-war renaissance and had its 70 anniversary just a year ago in 2015. Into a difficult historical context Libertas was established with the mission to allow every citizen to improve psychophysical capabilities through the educative values of sports practices.

Libertas has been a social and sport movement, rooted into a Christian fundament aiming to represent a social and educative chance for all citizens, for the education of children and youngsters, for the social care practices addressed to elderly people, for the welcoming practices addressed to migrants and for inclusive initiatives addressed to people with disabilities.

Among all the excellences of Libertas the quality of training is a priority, being enrolled at SNaQ (National System of Sports Specialists Degree and Qualifications) at Scuola dello Sport CONI, together with the own certifications PLC and FAC.

600 sport champions were Libertas athletes. They all have achieved challenges in the name of the Country and at the same time they are fair play icons as they are able to witness the values of sport that Libertas has been always promoting addressing all generations.

Sport is ever and ever interconnected with social and cultural issues, with tourism and environment of our Country. Moreover Libertas has been providing its commitment to interact with Institutions and local administrations in order to promote active citizenship and social cohesion of their communities. New technologies and media-public communication represent challenges to move on together with the community change. The online format "Libertas Sprint" is nowadays a widely recognized source into the sport and welfare sector all over Italy.

CENTRO SPORTIVO EDUCATIVO NAZIONALE

CSEN is an association established in Roma in 1976 with the scope to promote ethical values and solidarity into sport, culture and leisure time, staging sports events and festivals. Therefore CSEN promotes and develops the culture of sport as a culture of solidarity and integration, as a key-moment of the daily life education towards the respect of the others and of the environment, through putting into place the following actions:

Amateur sports events and festivals, Initiatives aimed at promoting social inclusion, the protection of immigrants' families, Social care and prevention of youngsters and actions addressed to seniors, elderly people and people with disabilities, Professional Training courses, legislative commitment on issues related to education, social care and health, fighting for rules trying to fit reforms, initiatives and actions to people needs, Social tourism activities, drama and folk culture all aimed at safeguarding culture, history and environment according to a new perspective of social sport and citizenship.

In the last years, CSEN has enlarged its activity to European and international level: conferences and workshops aiming at give value to human resources and propose the educational message of an organisation which moves on with innovative methods in order to effectively address the new generations.

CSEN has been working on the "culture of sharing community goods, of citizenships, of the fair administration and companies which reject illegality", and on the concept of education not as an economic issue but as ethical, cultural and anthropological one.

by Marion Chaizemartin

1st INTERNATIONAL SELF-REFEREED 7-player football

150 PLAYERS AND MANAGERS FROM 11 SPORTS FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TOOK PART IN THE 1st INTERNATIONAL SELF-REFEREED 7- PLAYER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT, ORGANIZED BY FSGT IN PARIS FROM 3rd TO 5th JUNE 2016.

The tournament was organised one week from the opening of the UEFA European Championships in order to get the answer to an open question: Is it possible to organize a self-refereed international competition with quality matches. The participating teams proved all together: Yes! Self-refereed international football is possible! Even on high level.

Launched with three days of discovery of self-refereed 7- player football, with local clubs in FSGT committees, this tournament has seen the organization of 45 matches within seven days. Nice moments of sharing friendship, in particular the opening ceremony of the tournament. All has made deep impressions.

The feedback of all participating delegations points out the success of the event, with the human, cultural and sports exchange as a central element, and the willing, shared by everybody, to take part again in an international self-refereed football competition.

- **FAST** – Algeria
- **BWFSH** – Bulgaria
- **FSGT** – France
- **NJSF/Shintairen** – Japan
- **TULKAREM** and selection **PALESTINE**
- **INATEL** – Portugal
- **ZZBSS** – Slovenia
- **ONCST** – Tunisia
- **TRANSNATIONAL DELEGATION**
  (refugees and asylum-seeking players living in France)

We thank all the participating teams, as well as the players and militants from FSGT committees and football clubs for sharing with international delegations the challenge of self-refereed football with FSGT.

MAMANET mothers cachibol league

MAMANET FEVER WORLDWIDE

IT ALL STARTED IN ISRAEL IN 2005. IN ONLY ONE DECADE MAMANET HAS BECOME ISRAEL'S LARGEST SOCIAL SPORTS PROJECT AND HAS INSPIRED THE CREATION OF ABBANET FOR PLAYERS' HUSBANDS AND PARTNERS, AND KIDNET VACATION TOURNAMENTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN. IN THE MEANWHILE THOUSANDS AROUND THE WHOLE GLOBE ARE CATCHING THE ISRAELI MAMANET FEVER.

by Raimund Fabi

EVERY MOTHER CAN

Mamanet started in Israel and is spreading worldwide. Thousands of mothers in Italy, Austria, Cyprus, Spain, Canada, Belgium, France, Bulgaria and the United States are adopting this unique Israeli model. Mamanet, played in Cachibol leagues, give mothers a chance to work out, have fun, meet other women from their children's school and set an example for their kids. Instead of nagging their kids to go outside and play, 10.000s Israeli mothers are setting an example by playing Cachibol (also called Newcomb) in a national league network called Mamanet. Joining a team based in her child's school, each Mamanet player gets to know other moms in a totally different setting than class trips or PTA meetings.

"Instead of being the 'soccer mom' who drives her children to practice and cheers them on by the sidelines, the mother becomes the star of the game, and the children become her fans," says Ofra Abramovich, founder of Mamanet. "This allows the mother to serve as a role model for good sportsmanship, dedication to a team and commitment to physical exercise." Mothers of Mamanet hope to set an example of physical activity and good sportsmanship for their kids.

"The uniforms are imprinted with the host school's name and logo", says Abramovic. "Mothers feel more engaged with the school and its student body. In several cities, schools with Mamanet leagues have begun intramural volleyball teams for kids as young as six who want to emulate their moms. The participation of mothers in the amateur league encourages increased participation by children in sports clubs."

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MAMANET - CACHIBOL

similar to volleyball, except players catch the ball before passing it to a teammate or over the net

When Abramovich first hatched the idea after a friend invited her to play Cachibol, the mayor of her hometown wasn't enthusiastic about providing funds. Refusing to give up, Abramovich called the mayor's wife, who prevailed upon her husband to support the initiative. Kfar Saba now boasts 27 Mamanet teams with 300 players. "Today, every mayor wants a league in place because of how it contributes to the city," says Abramovich, explaining that volunteer work is part of the Mamanet mission.

Among the different volunteer projects Cachibol with women is played in prisons and in a battered-women's shelter; doing activities with children from a therapeutic boarding school; training youth-at-risk to be referees; and running regional sport nights for breast-cancer awareness. The Mamanet phenomenon extends to all sectors of the Israeli population. Participants run the gamut from Bedouin Arab to ultra-Orthodox moms. Because Cachibol doesn't require special athletic training, Mamanet's slogan is "Any mother can!"

CSIT HELPED MAMANET TO GROW WORLDWIDE

The international growth of Mamanet was spurred by its admission into CSIT, the world's largest amateur sports organization, based in Europe. Former CSIT President Harald Bauer saw the mothers playing in Eilat a couple of years ago and was intrigued enough to contact Abramovich on his next trip to Israel a year later.

"He said that many sports groups try to enter his organization and only rarely do they find something that is a 'wow.' The last time it happened was 15 years ago, when they discovered Nordic walking. Harald told me that he wanted to bring us into CSIT and have Mamanet everywhere."

Bauer invited her to the CSIT congress in Cancun to do a presentation, and some 50 Israeli Mamanet mothers played Cachibol at the CSIT World Sports Games in Lignano, Italy, in 2015. 2017 Mamanet will send representatives to the next World Sports Games in Riga, Latvia.

In mid-May, Abramovich joined 160 other Mamanet players from Israel, Italy, Austria and Cyprus in Spain for Mamanet's first international tournament, at which Barcelona's famed football (soccer) club came to meet them. The four-day event also included opportunities for hiking, entertainment, shopping and bonding activities.

"Israel is known as being good in high-tech, but the social sporting movement Mamanet is really something unique," says Abramovich.

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44th WORKERS SPORT AND RECREATIVE NATIONAL GAMES

IN HONOR OF PROFR. JORGE GONZÁLEZ MEZA

by Ruth Vázquez Pérez

In September INDET México celebrated the 44th Workers Sport and Recreative National Games. More than two thousand athletes gathered representing several Unions all around Mexico, as a response of the program that INDET, as part of Work Congress, impulses.

The National Games 44th Edition honored Profr. Jorge González Meza, the man who dedicated his life to labor sport movement to strengthen Physical Activation, Sport, Health and the connivance between workers and Mexican families. Profr. Meza died in October 2015.

Delegations from all over the country met last September to compete in Chess, Athletics, Basketball, national folklore dance, Baseball, Football, Swimming, Table Tennis and Volleyball, responding to the invitation Instituto del Deporte de los Trabajadores proposed in order to join its program oriented to Sport and Health promotion.

Workers Sport and Recreative National Games confirmed as one of the most important sport movements in Mexico oriented to the work class and its families, since Mexican Work Congress promotes the INDET Programs which are complete and inclusive encouraging physical activation and sports, recreation and the positive connivance.

The results obtained at the National Games last September have allowed to integrate the Mexican Delegation that will be competing at the CSIT World Sport Games, next June 2017, in Riga, Latvia.

44th National Games were also the framework for the Pan-American Work Sport Confederation Meeting with the participation of the Caribbean representatives: Mrs. Ermela García Santiago and Justo Reinaldo Amador Torres, both from Cuba; Luis Abraham Alfaro and Maricia del Carmen Aguirre Espinoza from Nicaragua and Reynaldo Santamaria Campbell representing Panamá. North America was represented by Profr. Gonzalo Rodríguez Sánchez and Profr. Pablo Reyes Osorio who was accompanied by Ruth Vázquez Pérez, INDET's International Coordinator. Profr. Reyes Osorio was elected as COPADET President for the next period.

At COPADET's meeting all participants expressed their commitment to strengthen Workers Sport Programs in all Pan-American countries represented at the meeting.

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AFWSI signed Cooperation Agreement WITH ECO CULTURAL INSTITUTE

by AFWSI

DR. SEYED AMIR HOSSEINI, THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF AMATEUR FEDERATION OF WORKERS SPORT OF IRAN (AFWSI) AND PROF. EFTEKHAR HOSSEIN AREF, THE HEAD OF ECO CULTURAL INSTITUTE, SIGNED THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO REACH POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE UTILIZATION OF CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES. BOTH PARTIES DISCUSSED VARIOUS SUBJECTS IN ECO CULTURAL INSTITUTE.

Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) is an intergovernmental regional organization established in 1985 by Iran, Pakistan and Turkey for the purpose of promoting economic, technical and cultural cooperation among the Member States. Further members are Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan.

Developing international cultural and sport cooperation and positive and constructive utilization of capacities and capabilities of both parties in line with establishing "ECO Games Institute", holding ECO Games, holding mutual cultural and sport activities, also establishing permanent ECO CUP secretariat in Amateur Federation of Workers Sport of Iran place are of the important goals of both parties.

While changing views in this meeting, Prof. Eftekhar Hossein Aref pointed out, that sport as one of the most important fields can play an essential role in bringing societies together. Therefore, signing such cooperation agreement among culturally closed countries can lead to an increased level of international cooperation in line with creating peace and friendship.

Dr. Seyed Amir Hosseini, the acting president of AFWSI, also added that consistent with increasing its activities in the international levels, especially after becoming CSIT full member, AFWSI has tried to activate the sport diplomacy by sending workers athletes to the international competitions like CSIT World Sports Games and also signing international cooperation agreements.

Dr. Hosseini referred to the significant role of ECO Cultural Institute in bringing its members together and also mentioned that holding sport competitions are of those focal points in creating friendship atmosphere among members and also added that establishing permanent ECO sport secretariat in Amateur Federation of Workers Sport of Iran place are of the important goals of the both parties and he also believes that the ECO Games will be held among ECO countries with focus on workers sport in 2016.

FIRST WORKERS PAHLEVANI VA ZURKHANEI TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The Team of North Khorasan became the Champion of the First Workers Pahlevani va Zurkhanei Team Championship in Birjand. Pahlevani and Zurkhanei is one of the ancient traditional sports of Iran held in places called Zourkhaneh. During exercising this sport Sufi-like music is performed by Morshed. Celebrating the "Cooperative Week" in September, the First Workers Pahlevani va Zurkhanei Team Championship started in Birjand with the participation of eight teams.

North Khorasan became the Champion of this First Workers Pahlevani va Zurkhanei Team Championship and won the Gold

AFWSI tries to activate the sport diplomacy by sending workers athletes to the international competitions like CSIT World Sports Games and signed international cooperation agreements.

Medal with 243 points. Kerman (206 points) and Isfahan (89 points) won Silver and Bronze.

NORTH KHORASAN WORKERS PARTICIPATED IN THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL ARMENIAN GRAND PRIX HALF-MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Second International Armenian Grand Prix Half-Marathon Championships started in Yerevan with 15 participant countries and about 4000 athletes on 16 October 2016. North Khorasan workers athletics team, with 5 athletes, won 1 gold medal and 3 silver medals in this competition.

IRAN'S WORKERS NATIONAL ABA WRESTLING TEAM RUNNER-UP AT THE THIRD ABA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN STUTTGART, GERMANY

At the 3th ABA World Championships, held in Stuttgart / Germany, after Turkey (34 remarks) the Iran's Workers National ABA Wrestling became Runner-up (30 remarks) by gaining 3 Gold and 1 Bronze medals. Greeted by AFWSI officials, Dr. Amir Hosseini, Bizhan Khorasani and Dr. Abas Gheshmi, the Iranian National Workers ABA Wresting Team arrived at the Imam Khomeini International Airport.

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