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"Rendez-Vous" WITH THE PRESIDENT

Dear Organisers of WSCs 2016 and the 16th ISF Gymnasiade
 Dear Participants of WSCs 2016 and the 16th ISF Gymnasiade

You all gave the essence of those 11 unforgettable school sports championships.

You gave to them a unique print made of humanity, emotions, mutual-understanding and maturity.

I am very proud of your attitude, fair-play and all the friendships you bounded, and which will hopefully be everlasting.

Never forget that together, we are stronger, we are all winners.

Those events would not have been possible without the hundreds of marvelous volunteers. Your devotion, your kindness and your smiles are worthy of a gold medal!

Dear organisers, thank you for your generous hospitality, your warmth, and your professionalism. Thank you also to all the supportive public authorities and private sector.

I hope that you all came back home with sparkles in your eyes and unforgettable memories you can hold on to for the future. May the peace be always in your home and your heart. May sport continue to be part of your incredible journey.

Now I declare the season of 2016 closed and I will see you for 12 marvelous school sports events in 2017.

Laurent Petrynka



EWOS

The European Week of Sport 2016 Edition



After the impressive success of the first edition, European Week of Sport will be organised for the second time in September 2016.

The main objective will focus on the promotion of participation in sport and physical activity. We will continue to raise awareness about these matters and the benefits engendered.

The 2016 European Week of Sport will start on **10 September 2016**. Like in 2015, it is intended to be a truly European event, with activities taking place in Europe, targeting everyone regardless of age, background or fitness level.

EU-centralised events and activities will take place from 10 to 17 September, including:

- The **official beginning of the Week on Saturday 10th September** by the EU Commissioner Navracsics. The Opening event will be organised in close collaboration with the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council (i.e. Slovakia) and should take place in parallel with as many participating countries as possible. A key feature of the event will be sport activities located

in capitals or major cities in a symbolic European joint event.

- A **Flagship event on Thursday 15 September**, organised by the European Commission in Brussels, mainly addressed to stakeholders and covering a current issue on the EU sport agenda.
- Any other events with a European-wide vocation organised by other EU institutions and European partners of the Week (i.e. sport and sport-related organisations committed to the success of the Week).

The implementation of the Week across Europe will be **decentralised**, in close cooperation with the national coordinators, through **national Weeks of Sport**. National Weeks are to start between 10th and 24th

September 2016¹ launches the European Week of Sport at national, regional and local levels will take place during the set national Week. As in 2015, the concept of Focus themes remains: i.e. Education, Workplaces, Outdoors, Sport Clubs and Fitness centres, and a wide range of activities are expected to be organised around these settings with the involvement of many actors,

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| France | Estonia |
| Hungary | Sweden |
| Latvia | Greece |
| Slovenia | |

including European partners of the Week. The registration of European Week of Sport events will be delegated to national coordinators, with guidance from the European Commission.

The main **campaign elements** established in 2015 will remain in 2016, including key messaging and visual branding of the Week.

The overarching campaign theme for the European Week of Sport remains "#BeActive". It will also continue to be a reference framework for events and activities aiming at promoting sport and physical activity throughout the year. Moreover, there will be a greater focus on **communication in national languages** through the development of national websites and by increasingly involving national media (written press, TV and radio), to **further reach out at local levels**. In parallel, the European Commission will also partner with additional players to spread the messages of the Week. Finally, a team of EWoS ambassadors composed of national personalities (sport icons and beyond) is expected to promote the Week in 2016.

As in 2015, the implementation of the 2016 European Week of Sport will be supported through specific funding under **Erasmus+ Sport**.

Further information:

ec.europa.eu/sport/week – ec.europa.eu/sport/
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¹All dates for national Weeks are expected to be known by end of January 2016, and will be publically available at that time.

European School Sport Day

JOIN ESSD AND REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL SPORT DAY TODAY!

The **European School Sport Day** (ESSD) is a pan-European initiative with the main goal to promote physical activity on international level and involve as many children and young people, schools and organisations as possible.

The European School Sport Day is **inspired by the Hungarian School Sport Day**, an event which is organised by the Hungarian School Sport Federation (HSSF, an active member of ISF) **for the last 10 years**. It has been a day dedicated to **promote physical activity, to try out new ways of physical activities and sports**, and of course to empower the **"belonging to the school" experience for every participant**.

ESSD was **organised for the first time in 2015 as part of the European Week of Sport and ISCA's NowWeMove campaign**. The event attracted 300.000 participants. This year we are setting new, more ambitious targets:

We aim to organize ESSD events in 15-20 European countries in 2016, making the initiative the largest event of the European Week of Sport! This year, the focus day of European School Sport Day will be on the 30th of September, however related events will be organised during the whole period of the European Week of Sport (10 September - 02 October). The following countries have already confirmed their willingness to join the initiative: Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, Turkey, Bulgaria, Malta, Spain, Greece, Lithuania, Serbia.

All interested organisations are welcome to join! We hope that we can welcome ISF member organisations as coordinators of European School Sport Day of their countries. For more information please contact kovacskasza.katalin@mdsz.hu.

It never gets easier.

You just get better.



5807 is the number of participants of the ISF World Schools Championships and the Gymnasiade 2016.

926 is the largest number of participants

within ISFWSCs 2016 from ISFWSC Volleyball 2016

253% is the percentage increase of followers

followers after 9 months on International School Sport Federation fan page. It reached 9322 followers on July 31st in comparison with 3680 on January 1st 2016.

11 is the number of World Schools Championships 2016

7 ISF ambassadors participated in **#myOlympicstories**

project from August 5th to 21st. This project provides the youth with an opportunity to represent their sports and inspire young athletes to become a part of the great Games.



Ski



The championship was held in a breathtaking place for ski lovers: Campo Felice and Ovindoli, L'Aquila, Italy. The slopes of Roccaraso, Pescocostanzo and Rivisondoli had the honor to host the finals of the alpine European Ski Cup in 2005 and 2006. Many famous names have skied here such as Alberto Tomba and Deborah Compagnoni and surprisingly Pope John Paul II.

ISFWSC Ski 2016 was the very first championship that the ISF started with the project of ISF Ambassadors. It turned out to be a success with a high participation of all the young students at the event. The contest then has been a new educational activity in the programme of every ISF events.

The championship was highlighted to thousands of people by young reporters. They issued the daily magazine with photos, news, interviews all along the event in English and Italian. Keeping up with each activity of the tournament, the magazine was the best tool to update the daily results and experience the participants were enjoying. They were volunteers, but with very professional skills "This experience made me grow up", said a member of Student Press.

During the Cultural Day, delegations walked down to the ruins of the earthquake in 2009, all participants gathered hand in hand while an olive tree was being planted. A tribute for the victims, peace and friendship.

Girls final (1,2,3)

Alpine

Girls CAT1: Austria, France, Germany

Girls CAT2: Austria, Italy, France

Cross-country

Girls CAT1: Germany, Russia, France

Girls CAT2: France, Austria, Germany

Boys final (1,2,3)

Alpine

Girls CAT1: Austria, France, Germany

Girls CAT2: Austria, Italy, France

Cross-country

Girls CAT1: Germany, Russia, France

Girls CAT2: France, Austria, Germany

Ambassadors

Eris Ulgen (Turkey)

Paul Vonier (Austria)

Francesca Lee (England)

Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play

Scotland

City

L'Aquila

Country

Italy

Date

22 February – 27 February

Number of countries

15

Number of teams

37 teams in Alpine ski

32 teams in Nordic ski

Number of participants

419

ISF delegate

Guy Fussenig

ISF TC president

Arno Staudacher

Organiser

Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca

Next event (city, country, dates)

To be defined at the next Executive Committee in December 2016.



Handball



Youth was the heartbeat of this ISF WSC Handball. The young media team and first-aider group highly contributed to the success.

The media team was the biggest media team among all ISFWSCs so far. They were 50 young talented students from the middle school Jules Verne, Rouen, France. Shooting videos, photos, doing daily reports and daily magazine, they were everywhere to capture every single moment of this ISFWSC.

On the other hand, the first-aider group composed of 15 young students from 17 to 20 years old were trained for safety and risk prevention. They all felt lucky to be a part of the organization.

The championship had the honour to welcome Dr. Hassan Moustafa, the President of the International Handball Federation (IHF) who was paying for the first time a visit to an ISF WSC. They both expressed will of a stronger cooperation between the ISF and the IHF in the future.

Dr. Hassan Moustafa had some discussion with the organising committee, the students and participants of the championship, where he expressed his determination to give more tools for physical education teachers in schools to bring this sport to many more students around the globe.

Girls final (1,2,3)

Hungary, Denmark, Slovenia

Boys final (1,2,3)

Turkey, France, Germany

Ambassadors

Özgenç Yurdakul (Turkey)

Edina Canic (Croatia)

Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play

Cyprus

City

Rouen

Country

France

Date

March 11 – March 19

Number of countries

22

Number of teams

16 boys

19 girls

Number of participants

600

ISF delegate

Hrvoje Custonja

ISF TC president

Tom Christensen

Organiser

Union Nationale du Sport Scolaire

Next event (city, country, dates)

Doha – Qatar – March 2018





Badminton



Malta is a small island, nonetheless experienced in terms of organising World Schools Championships. It is the fourth time Malta hosted an ISF event. The small organising committee hosted the biggest event in the history of WSC Badminton with 41 teams. A challenge for the new ISF Technical President, Laetitia Picard for Badminton who was backed up by the former TC president, Roger Notermans.

The competitions took place in two different halls located 15 km away from each other during 4 days with a one-day break dedicated to a cultural tour throughout "La Valetta".

The MoU with BWF, which was signed in Paris, France in October 2014, resulted in the presence of Badminton icons Mrs. Nora Perry, BWF Council Member, Mrs. Xu Huaiwen, former top player, official BWF ambassador at the WSC Badminton 2016, and top referee Ivanka Pokorni as Head Referee at the WSC.

On that occasion, Xu Huaiwen played with youngsters at the mixed friendship game, which consists of relay matches of 5 minutes with 4 players coming from 4 different countries and 2 genders on each side of the court. This one hour mixed friendship game ended the 10th ISF WSC badminton in a friendly atmosphere.

Girls final (1,2,3)

School teams:

Chinese Taipei, China, Germany

Selected teams:

Chinese Taipei, Turkey, China

Boys final (1,2,3)

School teams:

Chinese Taipei, China, Germany

Selected teams:

China, Chinese Taipei, India

Ambassadors

Nazlican Inci (Turkey)

Andrew Mcgillivray (Scotland)

Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play

Belgium

City

Gzira

Country

Malta

Date

28 March – 03 April

Number of countries

20

Number of teams

25 boys teams

26 girls teams

Number of participants

352

ISF delegate

Norbert Kever

ISF TC president

Laetitia Picard

Organiser

Malta School Sports Federation

Next event (city, country, dates)

Pune – India – Spring 2018



Table Tennis



The ISFWSC Table tennis 2016 took place in a significant period in which Peace and Sport called for celebrating International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. Incorporated in the Cultural Day, participants together stood for a photo raising white cards at the border of Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. A day dedicated to peace through sports movement to the world.

Israel strongly supported the practice of table tennis. The national TV channel broadcasted the matches, and national press contributed to the promotion of that event.

ISFWSC Table Tennis 2016 was the last championship under the office of Mr. Avraham Zuchman, head of Israeli Ministry of Education, and former Executive Committee member. Mr Zuchman retired, however his legacy will remain through a strong and dedicated team ready to keep on supporting school sport.



Girls final (1,2,3)

China, Chinese Taipei, Belgium FC

Selected teams:

China, Chinese Taipei, France

Boys final (1,2,3)

Germany, China, Belgium FC

Selected teams:

China, Chinese Taipei, France

Ambassadors

Omar Khassal (England)

Lucia Cordero Veliz (Guatemala)

Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play

England

City

Eilat

Country

Israel

Date

April 02 – April 08

Number of countries

18

Number of teams

32 school teams

17 selected teams

Number of participants

289

ISF delegate

Nicos Megalemos

ISF TC president

Pieter Schippers

Organiser

Israeli Ministry of education, culture and sport

Next event (city, country, dates)

Malta – April 2018





After three successful test events. The ISF WSC Futsal 2016 was the first official championship to be organised within the official calendar of ISF. Futsal is progressively more and more popular around the world. This time was a great opportunity for all schools and students to show their passion to this sport.

In the Intercultural Evening, students showed their own traditional dances and food to each other. They invited their friends from different countries to join them on stage. A team of Special Olympics with students with Down syndrome had their own performance on stage. Together they created a great atmosphere that night.



The young referee team did referee the whole championship. They are teenagers currently being trained to become professional referees. The ISF WSC Futsal was their first international tournament.

All the participants had a great time enjoying the nice weather in one of the most beautiful countries on the Mediterranean coast. Although young players did not speak the same language, they cheered them up with their names like they do with their favorite players such as Neymar, Marcelo, etc. They also spent time to stroll around the old town of the city.

Girls final (1,2,3)
Brazil, France, Turkey
Boys final (1,2,3)
Brazil, Iran, Croatia
Ambassadors
Zaid Belmahdi (Netherlands)
Chala Ouali (Belgium)
Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play
China
City
Porec
Country
Croatia
Date
03 April – 10 April
Number of countries
22
Number of teams
23 boys teams
10 girls teams
Number of participants
517
ISF delegate
Henry Ausmaa
ISF TC president
Konrad Berchtold
Organiser
Croatian School Sport Federation
Next event (city, country, dates)
Ramat Gan - Israel – 13/03/2018 - 21/03/2018



It all started with the logo of the event: a rabbit symbolizing the place of the race "Insula Leporum" (island of the rabbits), indeed, The ISF WSC Cross-Country was successfully held at the historical Margaret Island in the center of Budapest. The rabbit was there all along, being the reference for the Cultural Day and walking downtown ending up on a boat cruise on the Danube.

The former World Champion and Olympic boxer István Kovács was the ambassador of the event. He also expressed his pleasure being the one declaring open the 3-day competition.

A particularity of the event was the involvement of 40 young participants with impairment who participated as well in the race.

The Organising Committee had been recruiting volunteers for the event almost two months in advance. Approximately 200 pupils from four secondary schools joined and assisted at the competitions: organising the activities, supporting and accompanying all delegations throughout their journey in Budapest.



Girls final (1,2,3)
Individual: Australia, Turkey, Australia
School: Australia, Morocco, Turkey
Selected individual: Australia, Australia, Morocco
Selected school: Morocco, Australia, Spain
Impair: Hungary, Hungary, Hungary
Boys final (1,2,3)
Individual: Turkey, Algeria, Turkey
School: Turkey, New Zealand, France
Selected individual: Spain, Spain, Morocco
Selected school: Spain, Morocco, Algeria
Impaired: Hungary, Slovakia, Slovakia
Ambassadors
Laura Ontl (Croatia)
Joshua Torley (Australia)
Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play
Australia
City
Budapest
Country
Hungary
Date
April 21 – April 26
Number of countries
24
Number of teams
59 teams
Number of participants
527
ISF delegate
Stelios Daskalakis
ISF TC president
Jaroslav Koukal
Organiser
Hungarian School Sport Federation
Next event (city, country, dates)
Paris - France – 02/04/2018 - 07/04/2018





EURO Foot



On the initiative of UNSS and UEFA, the first European Schools Championship of football was organised in the framework of EURO2016. The main purpose was to bring football to a higher level and to invite players to celebrate around a school tournament the passion for European Football.

Mr Antonio Silva Mendes, Director for Youth and Sport in the Directorate General Education and Culture of the European Commission came to Euro Schools Football Championship to acknowledge in front of a young audience, the work of the school sport network to promote gender equality and women in sports in Europe during the conference organised in collaboration with the Think Tank "Sport and Citizenship".

As Laurent Petrynka – ISF President and UNSS Director said: "The youth wants to be inspired by Euro 2016 but they are also here to inspire the adults".

Indeed, the young participants gave the best of themselves all along a week of friendship and fair play to inspire adults and the famous international football players who came to cheer them up and answered their questions.

The tournament was supported by several football ambassadors and celebrities like Djibril Cissé, Rio Mavuba, Laura Georges, Raphael Varane, William Gallas, Candice Prevost, Vincent Parisi, Pascal Gentil, Olivier Dacourt, Muriel Hurtis, Fred Jossinet, Kheira Hamraoui, the singers Alizee, Lord Kossity and Sarahba. They put a smile on their faces during the championship. Besides, the celebrities contributed to good causes in a charity gala dinner for the Foundation of Rio Mavuba: Les Orphelins de Makala and the School Sport Foundation. Additionally, the school sport foundation donated football material to 8 Guyanese children and their teachers who represented their school coming from a remoted area from French Guyana, based on a contest they won.

Girls final (1,2,3)	Brazil, Germany, Turkey
Boys final (1,2,3)	Turkey, Bulgaria, France
Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play	Germany
City	Lille - Lens
Country	France
Date	29 May – 06 June
Number of countries	24
Number of teams	25 boys teams 7 girls teams
Number of participants	627
Organiser	Union Nationale du Sport Scolaire
Next event (city, country, dates)	World Schools Championship Football - Prague, Czech Republic -21.05-29.05.2017



Basketball 3x3



This is the second time that ISFWSC Basketball 3x3 was organised. The Estonian School Sport Union did everything to turn Basketball 3x3 into an official event of the ISF in 2020 at the latest WSC. They really organised the tournament with the spirit of urban sports from the logo designed by graffiti style to the Dunk contest, from the live streaming of the games every day to the ISF Ambassador contest with thousands of people following.

Only two days before the start because of the heavy rain weather forecast, it had been decided that the players had to move indoor. However, competitions were always thrilling and enthusiastic. Players gave their best and made the games full of wonderful moments of fair play, friendship and joyfulness.

This event was technically supported by FIBA (International Basketball Federation) 3x3. They provided the participants with high quality official balls and gave suggestions about the technical aspects to the organisers. Moreover, they agreed on the angle of education through sport, and sport as an important tool to deliver the best values for young generation.

Girls final (1,2,3)	Slovakia, Estonia 2, England
Boys final (1,2,3)	Slovenia, England, I.R. Iran
Ambassadors	Martin Danielic (Slovakia) Tamara Leiva (Chile)
Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play	England
City	Tallinn
Country	Estonia
Date	June 16 – June 21
Number of countries	23
Number of teams	19 boys 18 girls
Number of participants	250
ISF Observer	Stelios Daskalakis
ISF TC president	Julia Boyanova
Organiser	Estonian School Sport Union
Next event (city, country, dates)	Belgrade - Serbia - May/June 2018





Volleyball



For the organisation of their first ISF event, the Serbian school sports federation and the Ministry of Youth and Sport hosted the biggest ISF event ever organised in the framework of volleyball; 124 matches played in 10 different halls located all around Belgrade.

Besides the competition aspect, the organising committee has innovated with an incredible educational programme, starting with the inclusion of the students in the preparation. Two schools (8th Belgrade High School and Music High School 'Kosta Manojlovic') were rewarded for the song lyrics written as anthem of the event, - "we will block you" was performed all along, with a chorus in the four official languages of ISF.

The winners were rewarded with a trophy called "Volly" designed by Stefan Cvijanovic from a high-school. He wanted to represent the spirit of a body in action of service with the head representing a volleyball ball.

Smetchy and Blocky, the famous double-headed mascot, designed by a young designer from a high-school - Marko Serer, cheered up the teams until finals.

In the middle of the championship, the 726 athletes had the chance to sightsee Belgrade and learn more about the "WhiteCity". That cultural day ended with the cultural festival in Kalemegdan Fortress.

Finally, this event was a great occasion to promote inclusion in sport since Unified Volleyball games were part of the programme with the participation of Special Olympics teams coming from Serbia, Poland and Germany.

A demonstration game was played between the finals boys and girls.

Girls final (1,2,3)

Turkey, Brazil, Serbia

Boys final (1,2,3)

Turkey, Spain, I.R.Iran

Ambassadors

Jet Reinerink (Netherlands)

Burakhan Tosun (Turkey)

Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play

Luxembourg

City

Belgrade

Country

Serbia

Date

25 June - 03 July

Number of countries

35

Number of teams

32 boys teams

32 girls teams

Number of participants

926

ISF delegate

Jan Coolen

ISF TC president

Monique Krecké-Giver

Organiser

Serbian School Sports Federation

Next event (city, country, dates)

Beach Volleyball - Papeete, French Polynesia - 27/05/2017 - 03/06/2017

Volleyball - Brno, Czech Republic - 02/06/2018 - 10/06/2018



Kinder+Sport is a global and responsible project developed by the Ferrero Group, aimed at supporting physical activity among young generations.

The programme stems from the knowledge that an active lifestyle is an essential part of a positive daily routine for children, teens and families. The goal of Kinder+Sport is to increase levels of physical activity among young generations around the world, giving them the possibility to develop a skill-set able to help them acquire proper behaviors and social and ethical attitudes.

We strongly set education at the core of our project, to help children grow up with the most worthy values of sport and life such as honesty, friendship, unity and trust in others.

Educational Games

The Olympic Flame Illuminated The 3rd ISF World Schools Educational Games 2016

The Educational Games were staged for the third time – over the last week of April. Indeed, the Educational Games concluded as the Greek religious festival of Easter commenced.



The Organising Committee provided a varied and memorable programme for all participants. Central to the Games are the ancient facilities with such historic significance to world sport. 73 students from 8 delegations and 6 countries participated in this year's Games (Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Cyprus, England, France, Special Olympics Great Britain).

Accommodated at the International Olympic Academy (IOA) for the first time. The Academy is located immediately adjacent to the Ancient site of the Games. The students participated in the guided tour of the beautiful Olympic park. The young participants strolled through the historic and atmospheric site of statues and ancient buildings, populated by wild olive and plane trees. And then – enjoyed a memorable experience of running in the original ancient Olympic "Stadium Run" of 192m. All participants were awarded an olive wreath as a token of participation. A fascinating guided tour of the park provided for all students. Some of the stories of the rules and practices in the ancient Games were a revelation for many!

The International Olympic Academy hosted, local Physical Education Teachers and their respective Association organized, a mixed



5-side football event and were taught some Greek dancing, in particular the sirtaki, in the impressive grounds of the Academy. The most impressive aspect of the Games was the way that the students -along with their coaches- played and got on with the other students boys and girls, who they had never met before. A memorable and marvelous atmosphere of fun and enjoyment! Each country was given a short presentation within the IOA archive museum.

Everyone involved with the 3rd ISF Educational Games were really honored to have Rosa Mota with them for the entire period of the Games. Rosa gave an inspirational address to the participants whilst we were housed at the IOA. What up privilege it was for all present to listen and meet with Rosa Mota (The Best Woman Marathon Runner

Ever – according to Association of International Marathons and Distance Races / AIMS – the winner of the first ever women's Marathon Race, Olympic gold medalist, World and European Champion etc.). Rosa provided such an inspirational of a role model for Sport, how warm a personality with time for everyone, her humility and her experience will long be remembered by everybody present. Rosa present at the games was courtesy of "Save the Dream" – a Qatar Olympic committee project.

The start venue for the Athens Classic Marathon providing the Olympic Games venue for Classic Marathon and the Marathon museum, provided the ISF Education Games with the perfect stage for the young participants to experience the historical significance of the Marathon. This year the ISF



Educational Games students were able to watch Rosa Mota running a leg of the Olympic Torch as it completed its run around the country of Greece, before it was handed to host nation 2016 Brazil for their own run around Brazil. The young participants were encouraged to return home and to take some of the ancient values of sport into practice.

The final day included a guided tour through the archaeological remains, in the city centre. In particular, the Acropolis. And then

late in the afternoon, onto the spectacular Panathenaic Stadium, the Venue of the 1st Modern Olympic Games in 1896. What a spectacular place to complete the formal programme! The ISF Games attracted a lot of attention on that day. The ISF President Laurent Petrynka had been invited to run one of the very final stages of the Olympic Torch relay. He was accompanied by a number of the senior members of the Brazilian delegation.

With the great support of the City of Athens,

Marathon and Olympia, the International Olympic Academy, and the Kinder+Sport programme the young people had the opportunity to develop a range of skills with the purpose of acquiring fair play attitude and to enhance their physical activity. All the sports and education network represented by 100 young students, physical education teachers and young volunteers devoted themselves to celebrate the #joyofmoving all together.

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Gymnasiade

16th ISF Gymnasiade

After hosting the 2007 Black Sea Games and the 2011 European Youth Summer Olympic Festival, the International School Sport Federation and the Turkish School Sport Federation jointly organised the 16th ISF Gymnasiade.

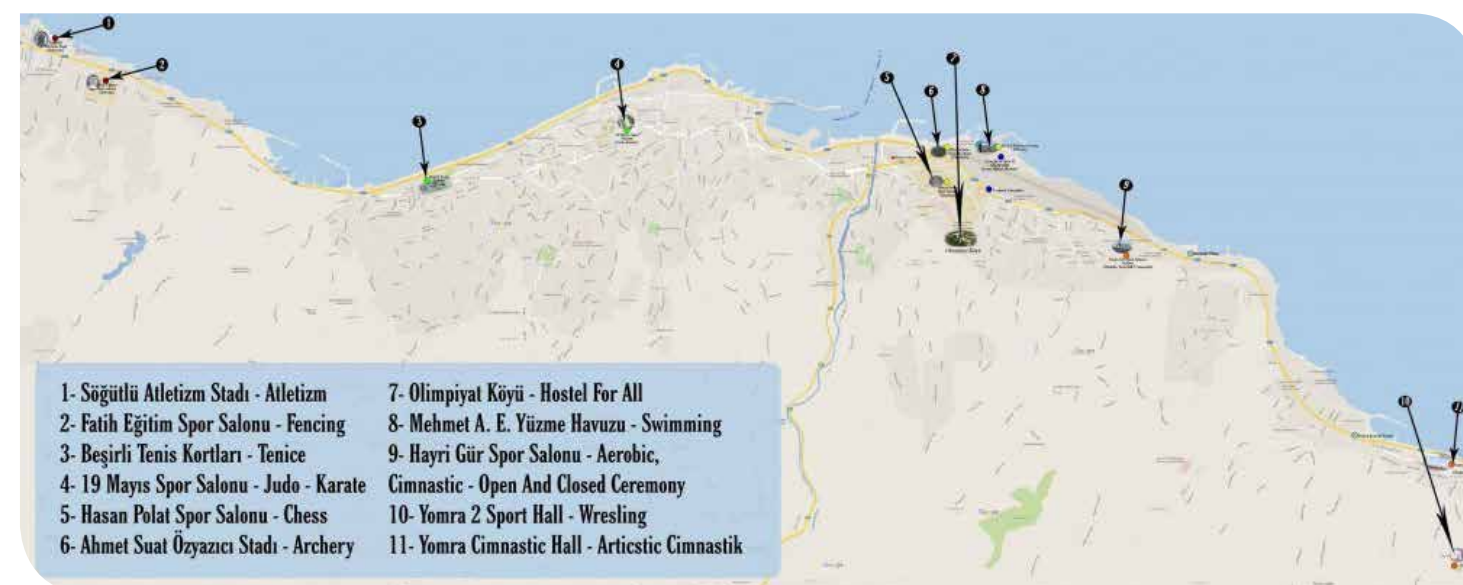
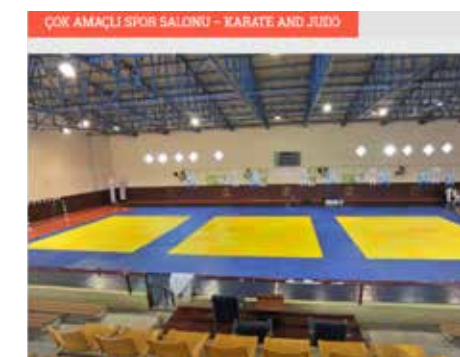


After hosting the 2007 Black Sea Games and the 2011 European Youth Summer Olympic Festival, the International School Sport Federation and the Turkish School Sport Federation jointly organised the 16th ISF Gymnasiade.

The city of Trabzon (TUR) hosted the most talented school sport athletes from 25 countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, England, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, India, Latvia, Morocco, Northern Ireland, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey) with 1300 athletes who competed in one of the many sport disciplines:

1. Athletics
2. Artistic Gymnastics
3. Rhythmic Gymnastics
4. Aerobic Gymnastics
5. Swimming
6. Archery
7. Chess
8. Fencing
9. Judo
10. Karate
11. Tennis
12. Wrestling

Most competitions took place in halls located throughout the city.



Top 10 of medal ranking

- #1 Brazil
- #2 Turkey
- #3 France
- #4 Greece
- #5 India
- #6 Ch. Taipei
- #7 Romania
- #8 Morocco
- #9 Belarus
- #10 Armenia

Joy of moving

Chinese Taipei

City

Trabzon

Country

Turkey

Date

11 - 18 July

Number of countries

22

Number of participants

1300

ISF delegate

Laurent Petrynka

ISF TC presidents involved

Fernando Delgado, Jaroslav Koukal, Ana Maria Valenti (past-president)


Organiser

Turkish School Sport Federation

Next event (city, country, dates)

Rabat - Morocco - 2018



 Overseeing the smooth running of every crucial aspect of the event, 300 young volunteers from Trabzon and other cities were responsible for ensuring specific missions in the field of translation, communications, logistics and hosting.

A great opportunity for them to develop professional skills within a sport environment and bring a legacy to the young people coming from the host city. It was an important part of the educational dimension of the event which contributed to empowering young people.



Adnan Darwish, 23 year old volunteer from Syria, fled to Turkey more than 3 years ago because of the war. Back in Syria, he was studying petroleum engineering. "When I came here, it was hard as I didn't know the language. I stopped studying and worked at a restaurant where I improved my Turkish. After ten months, I applied for university, and I study architecture now." He was in the Trabzon airport welcoming the newcomers,

in the athlete village or in the venue: Turkey made a lot for me and my family. So I take it as a debt and I try to pay back by helping as a volunteer"

Adnan Darwish

"My path is to help people and this is my way to do it," says 20 years old Olivier Uwishema from Rwanda. A year ago, he started studying medicine in Trabzon after he got a scholarship as a best high school student in the city of Kigali. Olivier's dream is to be a brain surgeon, but he still has a long way to go, as it takes 7 years to become a doctor. "Volunteering is an experience, a way how to grow. That's why I do it," he ended with a smile.



Olivier Uwishema

Ayşegül Tomruk is a 20 year old student from Trabzon: "I study to be an English teacher, so this is definitely beneficial for me. I want to interact with people from different countries, make new friends and I hope I

will learn how to be less shy", she admitted. Ayşegül also thought that this experience will make her CV more interesting and attractive for her future employer.



Ayşegül Tomruk

Those were a small idea of the 300 young and ambitious volunteers willing to develop new skills, however they shared the main goal – to be united and to celebrate peace through this major school sport event.

The Gymnasiade is a glory moment for the athletes to experience an international high level sport event. Some World and Olympic Champions started with Gymnasiade like Keri-Anne Payne (Gymnasiade 2002), Amaury Raymond Leveaux (Gymnasiade 2002), Xing Aowei (Gymnasiade 1998) and Hugues Duboscq (Gymnasiade 1998), Claudia Fragapane (Gymnasiade 2013), Amit Ivry (Gymnasiade 2006), Kevin Mayer (Gymnasiade 2013).

Who knows that some of those talented athletes like Ghicius, 15 years old artistic gymnast from Romania will be under the spotlights of the Olympics in 2020 or 2024. Others are breaking down boundaries and changing mentalities like girls practicing wrestling. Young but stronger and tougher that they might have appeared. "Wrestling is a good preparation for life, it makes you stronger and healthier," said Elizabet, 18 years old wrestler from Hungary who won a silver medal at the Gymnasiade. Her father was a former wrestler, so she knew she wanted to follow in his footsteps. "But if I have a daughter in a future, she will do sports for girls" Elizabet added in laughter, as already suspecting that her family wrestling history could repeat. Her Hungarian colleague, 18 years old Aicha, started doing karate at the age of five. "Karate is a part of my life. My team is my second family that I grew up with," she admitted. "I tried many sports, ballet, basketball, but karate is what I love the most. It motivates me, gives me energy". Aicha's biggest dream has been the Olympic games in 2024 and she seemed pretty determined



Elizabet & Aicha from Hungary

to achieve it. In Kumite karate, she reached to bronze. Apoorva is a 17 year old fragile girl from India who decided to do wrestling after watching the Olympic games as a kid. "I like wrestling because it's a tough sport and

not many girls do it which makes it unique." Apoorva claimed she was lucky to do whatever she wanted because of her supportive family. "But there are many problems that girls are facing in India. Many parts of India don't allow girls to practice the same

sports as boys do." Apoorva wants to be a successful wrestler being a role model, but in her private life, she indeed loved to act as a lady. "Sometimes I like to put make-up on and dress up," said Apoorva with a smile on her face.



Gymnasiade is thus not only about sports, but about the future of the society and it starts on sports field with tolerance, fair-play and culture. It is also strongly bounded with new friendships, gaining new experiences and getting to know different cultures.

As for many athletes, they were opening new doors, "I am the first in my family who travels. It is perfect to explore different culture and get to know different religions, admitted 17 years old Gabriel from Brazil. He highlighted the moment when the athletes from all around the world started to exchange backpacks, caps and t-shirts. I have made an exchanged with Qatar, Bulgaria and Romania, added Gabriel with a smile on his face.



The Cultural Day and cultural festival allowed athletes to get to know each other better and visit Hagia Sophia Museum, former Greek Orthodox church and Atatürk Köşkü. The day ended with music festival and food



On 17th of July competitions were finished and Brazil ranked first with 128 medals, followed by Turkey with 119 medals and France ended with 56 medals.

Puerto Rico got a medal for the first time in history of their participation and the Joy

of Moving trophy for fair play assigned to Chinese Taipei.

"I am very proud of your attitude, fair-play and all the friendships you bounded, and which will hopefully be everlasting. Never forget that together, we are stronger, we are all winners," declared Laurent Petrynka, the ISF president during his speech at the Closing Ceremony: "I hope that you will come back at home with sparkles in your eyes and unforgettable memories you can hold on to for the future. May the peace be always in your home and your heart. May sport continue to part of your incredible journey." concluded the ISF President.



Paulo Ferreira, the World University Championship Director (WUC Director) of FISU paid a visit on the occasion of the 16th ISF Gymnasiade. While 34 WUCs have been taking place in 2016, he kindly dedicated an interview to comment the vision about the cooperation between ISF and FISU.

After seeing some of the competitions, what do you think of the level of the athletes?

The level that I have seen so far is honestly very high. They are younger athletes than what FISU is used to dealing with, nevertheless their level is very good. It is interesting to see that they have a great potential and can become FISU athletes in a near future. While they will keep progressing, when they will hopefully come to our events, I cannot picture yet how good they are going to be. It is quite exciting.

To what extent does the ISF contribute to the sport movement?

It is a great contribution because you are the ones who set up events at an international level at an early stage and give them their first high-level sport experiences. As I mentioned earlier, FISU comes at a second stage when they are university students and then potentially going to Olympics. We have to consider ourselves – ISF and FISU – as stepping stones for the athletes.

What is specifically the cooperation between FISU and ISF and what is the potential?

Basically, it is the aim of bridging the high-schools' athletes to university's athletes. They are the same athletes but who will compete in different timeframe at our events. It is thus important that they are certain synergies between our respective federations in terms of events and approach. The continuity between our events is a significant factor for the athletes. It will strive for a greater interest in participating in our events.



CALENDAR

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2016

European Meeting	15.01-17.01	Ayia Napa	Cyprus
1. Executive Committee	10.05-15.05	Marmaris	Turkey
General Assembly	11.05-14.05	Marmaris	Turkey
Ski	22.02-27.02	L'Aquila	Italy
Handball	11.03-19.03	Rouen	France
Badminton	28.03-03.04	Gzira	Malta
Table Tennis	02.04-08.04	Eilat	Israel
Futsal	03.04-10.04	Poreč	Croatia
Cross-country	21.04-26.04	Budapest	Hungary
Volleyball	25.06-03.07	Belgrade	Serbia
Gymnasiade	11.07-18.07	Trabzon	Turkey
2. Executive Committee	10.12-14.12	Mumbai	India

UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF

3rd ISF School Sport Educational Games	23.04-28.04	Athens	Greece
School Football EURO 2016	29.05-06.06	Lille / Lens	France
Basketball 3 x 3	16.06-21.06	Tallinn	Estonia
Cricket	11.12-19.12	Mumbai	India

2017

Tennis	12.03-19.03	Recife	Brazil
Swimming	20.04-25.04	Budapest	Hungary
Orienteering	22.04-28.04	Parlermo	Italy
Basketball	29.04-07.05	Poreč	Croatia
Football	21.05-29.05	Prague	Czech Republic
1. Executive Committee	24.05-29.05	Papeete	French Polynesia
Athletics - Memorial Jean Humbert	24.06-30.06	Nancy	France
2. Executive Committee	2nd semester	Sardinia	Italy
TC Seminar/Forum	2nd semester	Sardinia	Italy

UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF

4th Educational Games	31.03-05.04	Athens	Greece
Beach Volleyball	27.05-03.06	Papeete	French Polynesia
3rd Pan-American School Games	06.06-13.06	Aracaju	Brazil
Euro Schools Badminton	16.06-21.06	Clermont-Ferrand	France
Combat Games	(.....)	New Dehli	India
Triathlon	07.06-12.06	Aracaju	Brazil

2018

1. Executive Committee	(.....)	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
General Assembly	25.04-01.05	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
Badminton	(.....)	Pune	India
Cross-Country	02.04-07.04	Paris	France
Futsal	13.03-21.03	Ramat Gan	Israel
Handball	March	Doha	Qatar
Winter Gymnasiade	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Table Tennis	(.....)	(.....)	(Malta)
Volleyball	02.06-10.06	Brno	Czech Republic
Gymnasiade	(.....)	Rabat	Morocco
2. Executive Committee	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)

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Basketball 3 x 3	(May/June)	Belgrade	Serbia
Inclusive Sport Games	(April/July)	Póvoa De Varzim	Portugal

2019

1. Executive Committee	1st semester	(.....)	(.....)
Athletics - Memorial Jean Humbert	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Basketball	(16-24/03) (May/June)	(Riga) (Belgrade)	(Latvia) (Serbia)
Football	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Orienteering	(May/June)	(Novi Sad)	(Serbia)
Swimming	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Tennis	(.....)	(.....)	(Puerto Rico)
2. Executive Committee	2nd semester	(.....)	(.....)
TC Seminar/Convention	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)

UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF

Triathlon	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Combat Games	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Beach Volleyball	(June/July)	(Jumala)	(Latvia)

2020

Gymnasiade	(.....)	(.....)	(Malta/Hungary/Croatia/India)
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Remark: between brackets = application / not yet decided/confirmed



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