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"Rendez-Vous" WITH THE PRESIDENT

The year 2019; particularly the second half, has been a period of immense development and growth regarding the professionalisation and management for the preparation of ISF events. We must highlight the extensive progress accomplished towards developing the ISF Gymnasiade for 2020. The cooperation between ISF members, the LOC and the China School Sport Federation has been strengthened through four inspection visits as well as the celebration of the "1 year to go" countdown.

We have also strengthened the level of sports expertise within the ISF with new ISF Technical Commission Sport presidents, coordinators and members being appointed to help us deliver more professionalised and higher quality ISF sport events, including of course next year's Gymnasiade.

The strong cooperation between ISF members has been noticed at all levels, and in all fields of the ISF. High participation and involvement from members at the General Assembly in Agadir, Morocco, was a sign of the increasing interest and willingness to further grow and develop our federation.

The enthusiasm throughout the Gymnasiade 2022 bidding period was a very positive and welcoming evolution to the process, which was concluded on the 30th November 2019 with Zagreb, Croatia hosting the attribution ceremony to announce the host of the ISF Gymnasiade event. The occasion brought about recognition of the bidding countries, with Normandie, France acquiring the Summer Gymnasiade in 2022, the Russian Federation gaining the Winter Gymnasiade in 2021 and the Summer Gymnasiade in 2024, as well as the first ever ISF World Schools Games U15 being attributed to Serbia for 2021.

At the continental level, successful meetings have been held in Africa, America, Asia and Europe, showcasing the excellent cooperation between the members to further develop school sport across each of the continents.

We are continuously being challenged to answer the call from young people to deliver new and innovative sport events, adapting and developing as the criteria for youth of today continues to evolve. At the ISF we remain open to new trends and practices that can engage youth, enabling them to be more active and to value health as a priority. In 2019, the ISF is proud to have seen the launch of new, innovative and exciting events such as She Runs, Inclusive Games, WSC chess, ISF Cool Games and ISF E-sport Games.

She Runs saw 500 girls from all over the World come together to send a message about gender equality in sport. The 2019 edition of the project was concluded in September with a conference, held in Brussels, where world class sport leaders gathered to reflect and discuss the project and once again highlights the global objectives of giving young women more opportunities to develop themselves, their health and their leadership skills.

With an aim to increase the participation of young people in school sport, ISF events have also presented great opportunities to develop the collaboration with regional and global school networks. This will lead us to engage even more youngsters in ISF activities.

Thank you to all 120 of our members for their fantastic work, high quality events and all their achievements from 2019, all for the benefit and future of young people from all around the world.

All these efforts will contribute to the success of the Gymnasiade, see you in Jinjiang, China from 17-24 October 2020.



Laurent Petrynka

ISF GYMNASIADE ATTRIBUTION CEREMONY



The biggest school sport event will be held in France (Normandie) in 2022 and in the Russian Federation (Ekaterinburg) in 2024

Zagreb, Croatia: For the first time in history, on the 30th November 2019, the International School Sport Federation (ISF) attributed the biggest school sport event; the ISF Gymnasiade, for two consecutive editions, at the same meeting. The quality of the bidding dossiers, their professional merits and the extra proposals from the candidates, led the Executive Committee (EC) to proceed to a double attribution for the largest ISF event.

«We were very impressed with the level of today's presentations and dossiers. It is incredible how active ISF members are and how high expectations are from educational institutions to provide opportunities for students all over the world to improve their educational, cultural and healthy lifestyle activities. We are spreading values of education and peace through sport.» said Mr. Laurent Petrynka, President of the ISF.

After one year of serious preparations, three candidates (France, Russian Federation and Serbia) presented their high-level dossier based on the ISF 2030 Vision and put forward their bid, particularly focusing on legacy, education and a connection with the Olympic movement. Therefore, the ISF EC unanimously decided to attribute:

- ISF GYMNASIADE - SCHOOL SUMMER GAMES 2022 TO FRANCE, NORMANDIE
- ISF GYMNASIADE - SCHOOL SUMMER GAMES 2024 TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION, EKATERINBURG
- ISF WINTER GYMNASIADE - SCHOOL WINTER GAMES 2021 TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION, KRASNOYARSK
- ISF WORLD SCHOOL GAMES U15 2021 TO SERBIA, BELGRADE



"We are very happy. The ISF permits all of us to do something good for the students from all over the world. To do something, but also to let them have a chance to dream to become like Estelle, the best in the world. Welcome to Normandie. Welcome to France."

said **Ms. Nathalie Costantini**, Director of the UNSS France (Union Nationale du Sport Scolaire).



"This is an amazing decision, for Normandie, for France, but also for students all over the world. Sport has the power to change lives of all youths. Our job, the job of all top athletes is to help the youth become engaged in sport. This is a historical opportunity to organise 'The Games before The Games'. I think that ISF Gymnasiade 2022 will be the legacy of the Olympic Games Paris 2024"

said **Ms. Estelle Mossely**, Ambassador of the ISF Gymnasiade 2022 in Normandie, France - Olympic winner Rio 2016



"Russian Federation is proud to host students from all over the World, to show our hospitality and to work together with the ISF to improve educational systems and specially to educate youth about all values of sport. Looking forward to seeing you in Russia"

said **Mr. Alan Abaev**, President of the Youth of Russia.



"This is a great honour for Serbia, and we will do our best to promote all values of school sport and it is our pleasure to welcome students from all over the World in Belgrade in 2021"

said **Mr. Uros Savic**, Secretary General of Serbian School Sport Federation.

By attributing four big events at the same meeting, the ISF confirmed the huge development of school sport worldwide. This attribution will make school sport more important and will help students all over the World to become more active, more educated, more empowered and to become future leaders within society.

Inside ISF

ISF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

HOSTED BY AGADIR, MOROCCO

The 2019 ISF General Assembly was held from 28th June – 1st July 2019 in Agadir, Morocco. The event began with the committee meetings and concluded with the main General Assembly taking place on the 30th June 2019.

28TH JUNE | COMMITTEES MEETINGS

In Agadir, five ISF committees held meetings: Development and Cooperation, Education and Legacy, Marketing and Communication, Sport, and the Youth and Athletes committee.

Members of the following committees and the presidents of the ISF Technical Commissions gathered on Friday, 28th June 2018, to overview the current development and discuss the main objectives for the future.

29TH JUNE | CONTINENTAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee sessions were followed by the Continental meetings with the ISF members discussing the development of the school sport around the world. The School Sport Associations of Africa, Europe and Oceania, and its ISF Continental presidents Mr Youssef Belqasmi, Mr Nicos Megalemos and Mr Graeme Jennings respectively, gathered on the 29th June 2019 and presented the work done within their continents.

In the afternoon, the ISF Executive Committee sat down to discuss the challenges related to the expansion and development of the ISF.

30TH JUNE | ISF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the Opening of the General Assembly, ISF members were welcomed by the Moroccan government officials: Mr Saaid Amzazi, Minister of National Education Youth, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research; Mr Ahmed Hajji, Wali of Souss Massa region - Governor of Agadir Ida ou Tanane Prefecture and Mr Mohammed Hmimiz, Director of Sports at the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Morocco.

The assembly continued with a report from ISF president Mr Laurent Petrynka. The president highlighted the milestones achieved in the past year, related to strengthening the development of all continents, and better worldwide recognition of the ISF.



ISF Secretary General / CEO Mr Hrvoje Custonja presented the latest figures and achievements, the levels of progress in delegation and youth participation, the newly accepted ISF members and the upcoming events including the inaugural World Schools Championships and ISF projects.

New ISF members hosting events and the newest ISF projects were highlighted by the ISF Deputy President Mr Robson Aguiar. The deputy president also mentioned the fast and efficient development of the ISF and its activities around the Globe.



ISF vice president Mr Xue Yanqing explained the preparation process of the ISF Gymnasiade School Summer Games 2020 and the work of the Jinjiang Local Organising Committee. Mr Xue Yanqing also presented the powerful work of the China School Sport Federation.

The ISF continental presidents of Africa, Europe and Oceania, Mr Youssef Belqasmi, Mr Nicos Megalemos and Mr Graeme Jennings delivered a presentation on past and current development of the continental school sport federations.



New ISF Continental presidents for America and Asia were elected. Mr Roger J. Goudy from the United States became the ISF continental president of America and Mr Santi Pawai from Thailand became the ISF continental president of Asia.



ISF Gymnasiade 2022 candidates presented their bids. The participants of the assembly got a chance to hear the presentations from the four candidates for the organisation of the ISF Gymnasiade - School Summer Games 2022: Azerbaijan, France, Russian Federation and Serbia.



The delegation from China and the Jinjiang Local Organising Committee presented its report on the current state of affair for the organisation of the ISF Gymnasiade School Summer Games 2020.



ADOPTION OF THE NEW ISF SPORT POLICY; EXCELLENCE, TRADITION, INNOVATION, INCLUSION

ISF Sports Director Mr Josip Kosutic presented the new sport policy which divides ISF events in four categories: ISF multi-sport games, ISF World Schools Championships, ISF International School Sport cups and ISF projects. The policy's main objective is to reach the largest possible number of students from all over the World with the aim of harnessing the power of sport in order to promote the values education, fair-play, respect, healthy lifestyle, peace and mutual understanding.

MoU WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TEQBALL FEDERATION

A signature of the Memorandum of Understanding with the International



Teqball Federation took place during the General Assembly. ISF president Mr Laurent Petrynka and FITEQ Head of International Relations Mr Marius Vizer Jr signed an MoU with an aim of jointly promoting teqball to be a competition sport in future ISF events.

ISF General Assembly 2019, hosted by Agadir, Morocco, was a great success. The next edition will be hosted by Belgrade, Serbia, in 2020. Doha, Qatar will be the host of the 2021 ISF General Assembly while Punta Cana, Dominican Republic will gather the ISF Executive Committee members in 2021. Still in 2019, Zagreb Croatia, will host the last ISF Executive Committee meeting of the year.



ISF ATHLETES & YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING IN BRUSSELS

From the 27th – 28th September, the ISF Athletes and Youth Committee met in Brussels, at the ISF headquarters, to discuss its policies and future development.

ISF Athletes and Youth Committee, composed of 14 people and chaired by the Executive Committee member Ms Julia Boyanova, defined its main policies; the committee aims to work in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Agenda 2020. The leadership skills will also be an important focus and were added to the committee's agenda.

The projects mainly focused around the «Fun and Skills zones» theme will be implemented at each ISF event. The main project for 2020 will be the ISF School Summer Games - Gymnasiade 2020, hosted by Jinjiang, China.

On the 28th September 2019, the young members of the ISF Athletes and Youth Committee welcomed the She Runs participants, from five different countries, who participated in the Active Girls' Lead conference, presenting them the role and the activities of the committee. The occasion was a valuable opportunity for the young women to better understand how the ISF operates and what the main aims of the committee are.



World of School Sport

Burkina Faso

ISF visit to the first national primary school sport championship



The first national primary school sport championship of Burkina Faso took place from 5-7 July 2019.

The ISF continental president Africa and the president of African School Sport Federation Mr Youssef Belqasmi, attended the event representing ISF. Also in attendance were the Minister of Education of Burkina Faso Mr Stanislas

Ouaro and Mr Mohamed Farid Dadouchi, the acting president of the School Sport Federation of Morocco.

During the visit to Burkina Faso and to the first national primary school sport championship, Mr Belqasmi and Mr Dadouchi presented the development plan for school sport in Africa.

Côte d'Ivoire

Second edition of the school cross-country race held



The Ivorian Office of School and University Sports (OISSU) organised the second edition of the international cross-country race which saw participants from Morocco, Niger, Burkina Faso, Benin, even France from Europe and the hosts Côte d'Ivoire. The event was held on the 14th December 2019, organised under the leadership of the ISF EC Member and General Director of OISSU Mr Souleymane Kone Mamadou and supported by the Ivorian Minister of

Defense Mr Hamed Bakayoko and Minister for Sports Mr Claude Paulin Danho.

Last year the event presented the launch of the new season and a celebration of the great work of the OISSU and their strong development of school sport in Côte d'Ivoire, and beyond. The goal for the future is to increase the participation of the young Ivorian school sport athletes in international competitions and events.

Dominican Republic

Investment into school sport



It was recently announced at a press conference in the city of Monte Plata in the Dominican Republic, that more than 300 million Dominican Pesos will be invested by the Ministry of Education into rehabilitating 15 sports facilities in the provincial area. A further 8 million Pesos

will also be used for the construction of a football field and an athletics track. The timing of this investment was due to the upcoming IX National School Sports Games taking place from the 7th – 16th November 2019 in the province of Monte Plata.

French Polynesia

Fifth edition of the polynesian football school sports tournament held



The 5th edition of the Polynesian Football School Sports Tournament was held from 20th – 23rd May 2019, in Moorea, organised by the School Sport Federation of French Polynesia (USSP - Union du Sport Scolaire Polynésien). A total of 182 young athletes and 8 delegations participated

in the event and the competition which took place over the course of two days. The schools taking part in the tournament were: Taiohae (Nuku-Hiva), Afareaitu, Taravao, Mahina, Notre-Dame des Anges, Henri Hiro and Taaone et Maco Tevane (girls section).

Gabon

School sport federation of Gabon meeting the minister of national education



Ahead of the first School Sport Forum in Central Africa, the School Sport Federation of Gabon (FEGASS) held a meeting with the Minister of National Education (of Gabon). The meeting was attended by Valérie Lebondo, the delegate of Gabon

to the ISF, who was also in attendance at the ISF General Assembly held in Agadir, Morocco. The objective of the meeting was to share and discuss the policy and the vision of the ISF and FEGASS.

Niger

School sport federation of Niger held a general assembly and election



The School Sport Federation of Niger (FENISSCO) held a general assembly and elected as president, Mr Aboubacar Moussa, in Niamey on the 24th August 2019.

Mr Aboubacar Moussa is also the Director of Physical Education and Sport and

Sport in Schools at the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Niger. The next step for the School Sport Federation of Niger is to organise the first primary school championship of Niger, which is planned to be held in December 2019.

North Macedonia

Efforts for national and international school sport development stepped up



In the upcoming year North Macedonian School Sport Federation (NMSSF) will organise 22 national championships for primary, and 21 for secondary school students. National Sport Games will be held in April 2020 and include four sports; futsal, basketball, volleyball and handball. Both, boys and girls will participate in the competition. The federation also plans to participate in 8 ISF events, including the ISF Gymnasiade 2020 in Jinjiang, China.

Beside the organization of the school sport competitions, the NMSSF has also decided to follow the example of the Australian School Sport Federation and participate in scientific projects and research. The federation has recently also opened a call for a project called "NEVER 2 LATE 4 HOCKEY" which will be organised in cooperation with the International Hockey Federation and North Macedonian Hockey Federation.

Tanzania

Hosts of the 2019 east african secondary school championships



From the 15th – 25th August 2019, the Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSA) held its 18th Regional Games in Arusha, Tanzania alongside the Tanzanian School Sport Federation and ISF member, UMISSETA.

The event brought together 5000 students and 700 officials from Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zanzibar who competed in athletics, badminton, basketball, football, handball, hockey, netball, rugby, rugby

7's, table tennis, tennis, swimming and volleyball.

The ISF was represented by the ISF Sports Director Mr Josip Kosutic, and ISF Technical Commission president and FEASSA's president Mr Justus Mugisha who was also at the centre of the event which included a one-day symposium for the federation's executive members and representatives from each member association as well as the respective government representatives.

ISF Members: Focus



AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF THE USA (AAU)

The organisation has been running with one goal in mind: "Sports For All, Forever." This is more than a motto – it has been the main focus and the driving force of the AAU for 130 years and counting, for sports in the United States, and beyond.



Photo: President and CEO of the AAU Dr. Roger Goudy, Second Vice President Joe Gura

The AAU is defined as the largest (multi-sport) amateur sports provider for youth between the ages 8-19 in the USA. The organisation serves to 700,000 member athletes and 150,000 volunteers annually. Unlike National Governing bodies, AAU is a multi-sport membership.

The AAU was founded in 1888 with an aim of establishing standards and uniformity in amateur sport. During its early years, the AAU served as a leader in international sport, representing the U.S. in the international sports federations. The union worked closely with the Olympic movement and helped athlete prepare for the Olympic Games. In the late 1970's, the AAU re-shifted its focus and efforts to providing sports programs for all participants of all ages beginning at the grassroots level.

AAU Sports Programs include 41 sports. Two more notable events are the AAU Junior Olympic Games, the largest multi-sport event in the country and AAU Junior National

Volleyball Championships, the largest volleyball event in the world, with more than 2,700 teams participating annually.

The organisation also runs the Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP), a program aimed at modernizing fitness education in school physical education classrooms by emphasizing student health, goal setting, and personal progress. AAU also give back through its AAU Cares program aimed to support the communities which hosted the union's events. The organization also strives to provide not only athletic opportunities but also lessons in learning, life and social responsibility in the community.

Source: aausports.org



ISF Members: Focus

MEXICAN SCHOOL SPORT FEDERATION (FEME DEES)

At the Executive Committee meeting in Zagreb, Croatia, held from 28-30 November 2019, Mexican School Sport Federation (FEME DEES) officially became an ISF member



The membership was signed between the ISF President Mr. Laurent Petrynka and ISF Secretary General / CEO Mr. Hrvoje Custonja, and FEME DEES President Mr. Jose Martin Sanchez Tenerio.

FEME DEES is a national organization with a social function and commitment to the school sports community, supported by the CONADE (National Sports Commission), SEP (Secretary of Public Education), COM (Mexican Olympic Committee) and CONDEBA (The National Council for the Development of Physical Education and Sports in the Basic education).

The Mexican School Sports Federation began as an initiative to strengthen the recognition of sport and physical activity in general education

(school system). Since the beginnings, it has supported the youth from all states of the country and contributed to the development of their health, wellbeing, physical education and social skills. FEME DEES covers 14 different sports and targets school youth between the ages of 10 to 18. The school sport network of Mexico and their most notable event – the School Games (all stages of the event), are estimated to include roughly 7.5 million of students.

The federation's goal is to channel the organization of school sports with an inclusive development plans and programs that contribute to the improvement of opportunities for the young athletes and therefore, are raising the country's sporting level.



LEADERS FROM THE WORLD OF SCHOOL SPORT



ISF Executive Committee: Mr Roman Greba is the President of the Ukrainian Federation of School Sports. In the following interview, Mr Greba discusses the growth and development of school sport, in and beyond Ukraine.

AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, WHAT ARE YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AT THE ISF, IN PARTICULAR REGARDING THE NEW SPORT POLICY THAT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED?

For me ISF is the organisation with a huge potential. It is very important to look for new approaches to engage new generation into sport activities. And of course we had to change Sport Policy. To extend the number of ISF events, to implement new sport, education and social responsibility trends.

WITH THE ISF ALWAYS AIMING TO EXPAND AND GROW ITS REACH, HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO ADD NEW EVENTS AND SPORT FORMATS TO THE CALENDAR?

There can't be any growth without changes. We have to understand the students, and to be on the same wavelength with them, and the trends. They need new sports, new activities. And we have to give them new opportunities to compete, to cooperate and develop themselves. That's why new ISF

events and formats, added to the calendar are very important.

WITH NEW ISF EVENTS HAVING TAKEN PLACE THIS YEAR AND WITH MANY MORE TO COME IN THE FUTURE, CAN YOU EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL WHAT THE UPCOMING ISF COOL GAMES TAKING PLACE IN UKRAINE, OFFERS PARTICIPANTS?

ISF Cool Games are "completely Cool!". They are not just a sport. They are fun and joyful. ISF Cool Games are a modern type of the school relay type of a competition. Each team consists of four boys and four girls. So beside joy, we also promote gender equality. Relays are prepared by physical education experts, and give students an opportunity to have a great time while also showcasing their sport skills and team spirit. The best thing about ISF Cool Games is; you don't need to be an athlete. Anyone can participate in the event, without any special sport preparation.

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES AND GOALS SPECIFICALLY FOR THE UKRAINE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL SPORT?

Our goal is to include as many students as possible. To make doing sport "cool and fashionable". And make sport activity to be of huge interest for the students.

HOW DO YOU SEE THE INTERNATIONAL GROWTH OF THE ISF, IN PARTICULAR WITH THE GYMNASIADE IN JINJIANG, CHINA, TAKING PLACE NEXT YEAR?

So many expectations. I hope to see a new level of Gymnasiade. Indeed, I think we will set a new, higher, level for this international competition.



ISF Continental President America: Mr Roger Goudy is the newly elected ISF Continental President America, and the CEO of the Amateur Athletic Union of the USA. Mr Goudy spoke to ISF about the AAU, his vision and the goals for the continental and global development of school sport.

AS CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAS, WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES AND GOALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF SCHOOL SPORT WITHIN THE ISF?

My initial priorities are to listen and learn from the leadership of the various countries that are currently actively engaged in ISF. We are fortunate to have some very strong programs in the Americas that have involved many athletes in school sports. I intend to visit some of these programs this year and evaluate what they are doing to have such strong involvement. We are fortunate in the United States to have a strong and developed collegiate program in sport and also have a strong high school national and state federation in sport. In my role as the President and CEO of the Amateur Athletic Union of the USA we are able to provide a strong supplemental program for athletes ages 8 to 19 to enhance the opportunities for growth and development of the student athlete.

The second opportunity is to educate the

leadership of both, the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), of the opportunities that exist in working with the Amateur Athletic Union of the USA (AAU) in supporting the programs and initiatives of the ISF. I believe that through developing a better understanding of the goals and opportunities that exist within the ISF we can garner a much greater support and involvement of American athletes in ISF programs.

The third goal is to promote internally through our AAU network of coaches and volunteers the programmatic opportunities offered by the ISF. Up until now the AAU has been involved in limited ISF events. We as an organization are planning on making a much more concrete effort to engage our national sport committees from our 41 sports.

Finally, I would like to develop our system of communications amongst the leaders of the Americas. I will work with the international leaders to develop a system that can communicate to all countries simultaneously on issues related to the ISF. I am also working with members of my AAU IT department on available technology that can facilitate this to happen.

COULD YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT YOURSELF AND HOW YOU BECAME INVOLVED IN SCHOOL SPORT AND THEN WITH THE ISF?

I have served in public education for 42+ years in the USA. During this time I was a teacher, a coach, a school administrator, a school business manager and as a school superintendent. I have been teaching and coaching sports since 1974 in the public schools. I started out coaching High School Football, Gymnastics, Wrestling and Athletics my first year of teaching. I went on to involve myself in the Amateur Athletic Union of the USA in 1974 and have coached and served in several leadership roles: Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Athletics (Track & Field, Cross Country and Multi Events), Wrestling, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Golf, Swimming and Diving to name a few. I have served on the following AAU National Sport Committees: Baseball, Basketball, Swimming, Soccer, Gymnastics and Volleyball. In addition I have served as the AAU National Sports Committee Chairman in two sports Baseball

and Volleyball. More importantly I have worked in gyms and on the practice fields with athletes in all of the above mentioned sports. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the athletes of the various communities that I represented.

WHAT BENEFITS HAVE YOU SEEN COME ABOUT FROM SCHOOL SPORT, SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THE USA?

I personally am a product of the school sport system and the AAU programs in the USA. I grew up in a very poor family. Had it not been for some caring coaches in my youth I would have never been able to afford or qualified to gain a college education. I personally have worked with thousands of athletes that are just like me over the past 40+ years that we were able to give a second chance to improve their life. Sport can be the great equalizer.

COULD YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THE CURRENT ROLE AND SIZE OF THE AAU IS, WITHIN THE SCHOOL SPORT FRAMEWORK OF THE USA?

The AAU is the largest multi sport amateur sports provider for youth ages 8 to 19 in the USA. We currently serve 700,000 member athletes and 150,000 member volunteers annually. These are unduplicated count. Unlike National Governing bodies we are a multi sport membership. One \$14.00 membership card entitles you to play in any one of our 41 sports. If we were to count cross over participation in other sports or multiple event participation our numbers would be inflated dramatically. It's more important to the AAU to represent ourselves with hard numbers that we can validate than to have inflated numbers that we are speculating on when it comes to participation.

The AAU serves in a complementary role to our national school sports programs. As you probably already know, the USA has a very extensive high school sports program. These programs are managed by the various High School Federations which are governed by the NFHS (National Federation of High Schools). For instance in the State of Ohio where I taught and coached high school sports are regulated by the OHSAA (Ohio High School Athletic Association) which is a member of NFHS (National Federation of High Schools). According to the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS website) the participation

rates of high school athletes was up in 2017-2018 to all time record of 7,980,886 of which 3,415,306 were girls and 4,565,580 were boys. Since the NFHS does not run or recognize a National Champion in any sport the AAU fills that void. Not in all cases do we run team sport national championships, but we offer opportunities within the framework of the various high school federation rules.

WE HEARD AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF HOW BIG VOLLEYBALL EVENTS ARE WITHIN YOUR ORGANISATION. AMONGST THE 41 SPORTS YOU REPRESENT, WHAT OTHER MAJOR SPORT EVENTS DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTH AND SIZE OF THE AAU?

We run a multitude of large sporting events. The largest happens to be AAU Volleyball which this past year hosted 2,805 teams from all 50 states and 17 different countries. This represents approximately 45,000 athletes, 10,000 coaches, 585 officials and 125,000 spectators, over 12 days in Orlando, Florida. We also run a very large basketball event in Las Vegas, Nevada that has approximately 1,400 teams annually. In addition we run our AAU Junior Olympic Games which had 16,000 plus track athletes in addition to holding 14 other sports concurrently this year in Greensboro North Carolina. These are just to name a few. We have 1000 sporting events at the regional and district level across the country every year. We bring 60 of our AAU National Championships to Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports annually. The AAU by far is the only Multi Sport National organization that runs large sporting events for athletes across the USA for kids from ages 8 to 19.

AS A MEMBER OF THE ISF, HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AAU WITHIN THE ISF, AND DO YOU SEE THE USA HOSTING ANY ISF EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

I believe that the partnership of AAU and the ISF is an ideal sports relationship. We are both representing multiple sports, and we both are focused on the betterment of the world through participation in amateur sports. Even though all countries organize themselves a little differently the AAU can be flexible and responsive to the various needs of each of our countries rules of governance. The AAU is very fortunate to be blessed with a strong financial base and some of the finest sports facilities

in the world today through our partnership with the Walt Disney World Company and ESPN's Wide World of Sports. I have already had conversations with our partners at Disney about potentially bidding on and hosting various ISF events. In addition to having great facilities and sports personnel there is no experience in the world that can replicate the overall Disney experience.

In addition to Disney the AAU has plenty other relationships with venues and sporting event operators across the USA. Hosting events is what we do. It simply becomes a matter of making the connection between the various ISF Sport Committees and the appropriate host city and venue in the USA. This is what the AAU does every day. We stand prepared to work with ISF in any potential partnership that may be of interest to both parties.



ISF Continental President Asia: Mr Santi Pawai was elected the new ISF Continental President Asia at the 2019 General Assembly. Mr Pawai is also the Director General of Department of Physical Education of Thailand. ISF asked a few questions to find out more about his path and his experience in school sport, and his goals for the future.

AS CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT OF ASIA, WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES AND GOALS FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT IN SCHOOL SPORT AND GROWTH WITHIN THE ISF?

First of all, I would like to thank all Asian countries who have trust in Thailand to become Continental President of Asia. One of my priorities for the development of school sport is to create equalities in sports among our children, including equality

between boys and girls, between children in big cities or rural areas, and between the rich and the poor. Therefore, Thailand always send selected teams rather than school teams because we can select athletes from all across the country so that all our children can have equal opportunities to participate in international events.

It would be wonderful if ISF could open its doors to a wider public and more countries.

COULD YOU TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND HOW YOU BECAME INVOLVED IN SCHOOL SPORT AND THEN WITH THE ISF?

I have loved sports since I was a child so I played all kinds of sports though I was not talented enough to become a national athlete. Because of passion for sports, I chose my first career as a Physical Education teacher. I was always happy when I taught students how to play sports, and how to love sports. Then I continued as a PE officer at Department of Physical Education and Director of Tourism and Sports in various provinces in Thailand including Phuket, Trang, Nan and Sakaew. After that, I was appointed as Director of Institute of Sport Personnel Development, then got promoted to be a Deputy Director General of Department of Tourism, Deputy Permanent Secretary and finally Director General of Department of Physical Education in February 2019.

In Thailand, Department of Physical Education (DPE) is directly in charge of school sport which is under the Ministry of Tourism and Sports (not the Ministry of Education like in any other countries). DPE has been entitled and approved by the cabinet to be members of school sport entities at various international levels including ASEAN Schools Sports Council, Asian School Sport Federation, Asian Schools Football Federation and, of course, International School Sport Federation.

IN YOUR POSITION, WHAT HAVE BEEN THE POSITIVE RESULTS FROM SCHOOL SPORT IN THAILAND?

Since becoming a Director General of Department of Physical Education, we have organized many events and championships nationwide, and all year long. We organized many competitions, starting from grass

root level in rural areas to district and provincial levels, and later, to national and international levels. This format could give equal opportunities to our children and provide them with more opportunities and platforms to become professional athletes in the future.

In addition, sport facilities were also built in some rural areas. They may not be fully equipped but at least we can provide a place for our children to play, to learn and to be happy.

WITH THE ISF CONTINUING TO ADD NEW SPORTS AND FORMATS TO ITS CALENDAR, ARE THERE ANY EVENTS NEW OR OLD THAT THAILAND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING?

Of course, we would like to promote any sport that our children can play easily without expensive equipment. Thailand would like to host WSC Jump Rope, if possible, as it is easy for everyone to exercise and get fit. Chess is also interesting for us to host.

WITH THE GYMNASIADE 2020 TAKING PLACE IN CHINA, HOW BENEFICIAL DO YOU BELIEVE THIS EVENT WILL BE FOR THE ASIAN SCHOOL SPORT?

It will be a great opportunity for Asian countries to participate in the Gymnasiade 2020 in China. Thailand, of course, will definitely send its students. It will be our first time to participate in Gymnasiade. And I believe that many Asian countries will participate in Gymnasiade 2020 in Jinjiang because the distance is close and consequently the budget can be lower. Also, Gymnasiade 2020 in China will create more attention and recognition for ISF, so other, and more, Asian countries can become ISF members.



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MARY LOU RETTON

Events

SHE RUNS REPORT: ACTIVE GIRLS' LEAD CONFERENCE



Within the framework of the 2019 European Week of Sport, ISF organised the She Runs post event conference - Active Girls' Lead which took place in Brussels on the 27 September 2019. The conference was entitled «Toward improving young women's health and leadership through sport and education» and presented the last stage of the Erasmus+Sport funded initiative She Runs Active Girls' Lead.

Active Girls' Lead conference began with the official welcome from Mr Laurent Petrynka, ISF president, Ms Themis Christophidou, Director General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture at the European Commission, and Mr Benoit

Hellings, First Alderman and responsible for Climate and Sports for the City of Brussels. Mr Hrvoje Čustonja, ISF Secretary General / CEO concluded the opening with the presentation of the She Runs Active Girls' Lead event.



After the welcoming words, the She Runs participants from Bulgaria, England, Iceland, Slovakia and Romania presented the projects they implemented in their communities / schools, and showcased the skills on leadership and organisation which they had learnt at the She Runs - Design Sprint workshop.



Mr Yves Le Lostecque, Head of the Sport Unit at the European Commission, introduced the EU Sport and Gender Equality strategy, highlighting the fact that investing in women in sport is also investing jobs and growth.



The conference continued with the keynote speaker Ms Nancy Lee, IOC Gender Equality consultant and former Executive Director CBC Sports, sharing her experience on women's leadership and the importance of giving women the roles of influence.



The panel one, entitled "Enhancing young women health through school sport and physical education", included Mr Benoit Hellings, First Alderman and responsible for

Climate and Sports for the City of Brussels, Mr Dan Burrows, Senior Director, Social and Community Impact, EMEA at Nike, Ms Marion Ayrat, PE Teacher / Coach Play International and Ms Laurence Fischer, Ambassador for Sport at Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs in France, who discussed the role of schools and physical education on improving the health of young women.



In the second panel discussion - "Skills development and empowerment: becoming a leader in and through sport", Ms Valentina Marcei, Olympian in Ice Skating and She Runs Ambassador, Ms Laura Maria Tiidla, project manager ISCA and the Member of IOC sport and Active Society Commission shared their stories of empowerment, explaining how sport helped them develop the leadership skills.



Panel discussions were followed by Ms Brigitte Dero, VinylPlus General Manager, who

presented the company's report on the She Runs Environmental Action. The VinylPlus report was officially signed by both, ISF President Mr Laurent Petrynka and Ms Brigitte Dero.

Dr Richard Bailey, Writer and Senior Researcher at ICSSPE, concluded the conference with a debate on the challenges related to women's health, sport and physical education.

ABOUT SHE RUNS

With the support of the European Commission and Erasmus+Sport programme, the aim of 'She Runs Active Girls' Lead was to promote the importance of health, empowerment and leadership for girls of 15-18 years through sporting, educational, cultural and entrepreneurial activities. The project gathered 500 girls from 33 countries and 2000 local girls from France in the French capital of Paris, from the 12th -15th March to experience the inaugural 'She Runs' event.



1 City



4 Days



1 Message

"Promoting health, empowerment and leadership of girls through sport and schools"

4 key activities

Cultural
Sports
Educational
Entrepreneurship



600
Volunteers



33 Countries



2000
Local
Girls



500
International
Girls

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2019 ISF EVENTS IN NUMBERS

18

EVENTS

7

INAUGURAL
EVENTS

64

COUNTRIES

6195

PARTICIPANTS

981

TEAMS

462

SCHOOLBOY
TEAMS

315

SCHOOLGIRL
TEAMS

73

SELECTED
BOYS

74

SELECTED
GIRLS

462

MIXED
TEAMS

12

WORLD SCHOOLS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

3

INAUGURAL WORLD SCHOOLS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

WSC Chess, WSC Climbing and WSC Flying Disc

1

EVENT FOR LOWER AGE
CATEGORIES 13 TO 16
YEARS: COOL GAMES

1

EVENT FOR GIRLS ONLY:
SHE RUNS ACTIVE GIRLS'
LEAD

1

EVENT FOR YOUTH
WITH DISABILITIES: ISF
INCLUSIVE GAMES

1

EVENT COMBINING E-SPORT
WITH PHYSICAL EDUCATION:
ISF E-SPORT GAMES

ISF Educational Games - 6th edition



Date	27/03 - 02/04
Where	Athens - Olympia, Greece
Participants	89
Delegations	7
Special Olympics teams	2

Volleyball U15 - Inaugural event



Date	30/03 - 06/04
Where	Poreč, Croatia
Participants	354
Delegations	14
Girl teams	15
Boy teams	8
Winners	
School girls; China	School boys; China

Football - 26th edition



Date	06/04 - 14/04
Where	Belgrade, Serbia
Participants	876
Delegations	26
Girl teams	16
Boy teams	24
Winners	
School girls; Germany	School boys; Brazil

Basketball - 25th edition



Date	12/04 - 20/04
Where	Heraklion, Greece
Participants	795
Delegations	30
Girl teams	26
Boy teams	24
Winners	
School girls; Finland	School boys; Israel

Orienteering - 18th edition



Date	29/04 - 05/05
Where	Otepää, Estonia
Participants	742
Delegations	24
School girls team	31
School boys team	34
Selected girl teams	30
Selected boy teams	27
Winners	
W1 School girls – Sweden	M1 School boys – Sweden
W1 Selected girls – Sweden	M1 Selected boys – England
W2 School girls - New Zealand	M2 School boys – Finland
W2 Selected girls - Spain	M2 Selected boys – Spain

Climbing - Inaugural event



Date	18/05 - 24/05
Where	Aubenas, France
Athletes	69
Delegations	8
Mixed school teams	5
Mixed selected teams	4
Invited teams (valid & paraclimbing)	8
Winners	Spain & France

Athletics - 23rd edition



Date	13/05 - 19/05
Where	Split, Croatia
Participants	679
Delegations	29
School girls team	23
School boys team	26
Selected girl teams	18
Selected boy teams	19
Winners	
School girls; Germany	School boys; Australia
Selected girls; England	Selected boys; Chinese Taipei

Swimming - 13th edition



Date	18/05 - 23/05
Where	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Participants	365
Delegations	17
School girls team	13
School boys team	16
Selected girl teams	7
Selected boy teams	7
Winners	
School girls; Turkey	School boys; Turkey
Selected girls; Brazil	Selected boys; Brazil

Tennis - 10th edition



Date	02/06 - 09/06
Where	Castel di Sangro, Italy
Participants	182
Delegations	11
Girl teams	10
Boy teams	11
Winners	
School girls; Turkey	School boys; Turkey

Triathlon - 4th edition



Date	03/06 - 08/06
Where	Castelnaudary, France
Participants	167
Delegations	13

Winners

School girls individual (16): France	School boys individual (16): France
Selected girls individual (16): France	Selected boys individual (16): France
School girls individual (18): France	School boys individual (18): France
Selected girls individual (16): France	Selected boys individual (16): Spain
	School boys Mixed relay (16): France
	Selected boys Mixed relay (16): France
	School boys Mixed relay (18): France
	Selected boys Mixed relay (18): France

Combat Games - 2nd edition



Date	16/06 - 21/06
Where	Budapest, Hungary
Participants	606
Delegations	18
Girl teams	152
Boy teams	274
Sports	4

Ultimate / Flying disc - Inaugural event



Date	24/06 - 29/06
Where	Le Mans, France
Participants	152
Delegations	9
Girl teams	55
Boy teams	65
Winners	France

Inclusive Games - Inaugural event



Date	07/07 - 12/07
Where	Póvoa de Varzim, Portugal
Participants	89
Delegations	7
School girls team	23

Chess - Inaugural event



Date	18/09 - 25/09
Where	Tsaghkabzor, Armenia
Participants	62
Delegations	7
Teams	13

Winners

School girls; Russian Federation	School boys; Armenia
Selected girls; Ukraine	Selected boys; Armenia

Beach Volleyball - Inaugural event



Date	03/10 - 10/10
Where	San Vito Lo Capo, Italy
Participants	239
Delegations	18
Teams	56
School girls team	17
School boys team	16
Selected girl teams	11
Selected boy teams	12

Winners

School girls (2003/2004): USA	School boys (2003/2004): Brazil
School girls (2005/2006): Hungary	School boys (2005/2006): Germany
Selected girls: USA	Selected boys: Brazil

ISF Cool Games – Inaugural event



Date	10/10 - 14/10
Where	Kiev, Ukraine
Participants	64
Delegations	7
Girl teams	8
Boy teams	8

ISF E-Sport Games – Inaugural event



Date	15/11-19/11
Where	Kiev, Ukraine
Participants	82
Countries	5
Teams	17
Winners	Chinese Taipei & Georgia

Events

NEW TO THE ISF CALENDAR; INNOVATIVE AND INCLUSIVE EVENTS



ISF INCLUSIVE GAMES

From 7-12 July 2019, Povoia de Varzim, Portugal hosted the inaugural ISF Inclusive Games. Six countries participated at the first edition of the event which held three different sport disciplines - Athletics, Boccia and Goalball, and numerous other activities based on the education through sport values.

The games were a new and innovative school sport event, organised by ISF and the Ministry of Education of Portugal (School Sport federation of Portugal). The event created an opportunity for students with Special Educational Needs or Disability, to participate in an international sporting event, to compete and live together with other students from different countries promoting the spirit of inclusion. Alongside ISF Inclusive Games, a seminar on inclusion in sport "Sport as a vehicle for inclusion" was held with 250 teachers and speakers discussing the different aspects of sport and inclusion in School Sport.

ISF WORLD SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

From 18-25 September 2019, young chess players gathered in Tsaghkabsor, Armenia for the inaugural ISF World Schools Championship Chess. Seven countries, 47 athletes and 65 participants took part at the inaugural championship. The organisers of the event were the Ministry of Education and Science of the RA, Armenian School Sport Federation, Armenian Chess Federation and International School Sport Federation. This was the first time Armenia hosted an ISF event.

The event was open to both school and selected teams, and boys and girls aged 15 to 18. ISF World Schools Championship Chess was held in 4 different categories: school boys, school girls, selected boys and selected girls.





ISF COOL GAMES

ISF Cool Games, a new event with an innovative competition format designed for school youth aged 13-16, took place from 10-14 October 2019. The first international edition was held in Kiev, Ukraine, and organised by the Committee of Physical Education and Sport of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Federation of School Sports.

Seven countries and 64 students participated at the first ISF edition of the event: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, China, Croatia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. The event included two competition formats; the World and the International Cool Games. The first was designed for national delegations while the second included mixed teams, consisting of youth from various countries.

ISF E-SPORT GAMES

The inaugural ISF E-Sport Games were held from 15-19 November 2019 in Kiev, Ukraine, and organised by the Committee of Physical Education and Sport of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. Esports Ukraine and the Ukrainian Federation of School Sports. The event was a form of the organised multiplayer video game tournament which used an individual and team competition format. Youth competed in Dota 2 and League of Legends, and participated in various physical exercise and activity challenges.

ISF E-Sport Games were unique in its inclusive approach towards the combination of the video games with physical exercise. The objectives of this event are: to teach the youth how to combine e-sports and exercise to improve their well-being, to include youth with physical disabilities, to involve school students in games without violence and social humiliation and support the younger generation to follow proper training regimens and live the healthy lifestyle.






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.

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

2020				
ISF Executive Committee I	29/02 - 04/03	Belgrade		Serbia
ISF General Assembly	29/02 - 04/03	Belgrade		Serbia
ISF Basketball U15	15/03 - 22/03	Zadar		Croatia
ISF Educational Games	15/03 - 21/03	Athens/Olympia		Greece
ISF Cross-Country	18/04 - 23/04	Štrbské Pleso		Slovakia
ISF WSC Basketball 3x3	18/04 - 24/04	Raipur		India
ISF WSC Volleyball	22/05 - 30/05	Foz do Iguaçu		Brazil
ISF WSC Futsal	01/06 - 08/06	Lyon		France
ISF WSC Handball	29/06 - 07/07	Belgrade		Serbia
ISF Beach Games	07/09 - 14/09	Odesa Region		Ukraine
ISF SHE DUNKS	23/09 - 30/09	Brussels		Belgium
ISF Executive Committee II	17/10 - 24/10	Jinjiang		China
ISF Gymnasiade - School Summer Games	17/10 - 24/10	Jinjiang		China
ISF Cool Games	18/11 - 22/11	Kiev		Ukraine
ISF WSC Sambo	22/11 - 29/11	Tsaghkadzor		Armenia
ISF E-Sport Games	03/12 - 07/12	Kiev		Ukraine
ISF School Summer Camps	TBD	(...)		Croatia


Remark: between brackets = application / not yet decided/confirmed
TBD = To be determined

2021				
ISF WSC Beach Volleyball	04/05 - 11/05	(...)		Israel
ISF SHE RUNS	17/05 - 23/05	Brussels		Belgium
ISF Combat Games	TBD	Baku		Azerbaijan
ISF WSC Athletics	TBD	Trazbon		Turkey
ISF WSC Tennis	TBD	Bayamon		Puerto Rico
ISF WSC Swimming	TBD	Vichy		France
ISF WSC Orienteering	TBD	Belgrade		Serbia
ISF WSC Dance	TBD	Beijing		China
ISF WSC Football	TBD	Doha		Qatar
ISF Executive Committee Meeting I	TBD	Doha		Qatar
ISF Executive Committee Meeting II	TBD	Punta Cana		Dominican Republic
ISF General Assembly	TBD	Doha		Qatar
ISF Gymnasiade - School Winter Games	TBD	Krasnoyarsk		Russian Federation
ISF World School Games U15	TBD	Belgrade		Serbia

EVENT TO BE ATTRIBUTED

ISF WSC Triathlon / ISF WSC Climbing / ISF WSC Flying Disc / ISF Inclusive Games / ISF WSC Basketball / ISF WSC Basketball 3x3 / ISF WSC Table Tennis / ISF WSC Chess

2022				
ISF Beach Games	TBD	(...)		Argentina
ISF Gymnasiade - School Summer Games	TBD	Normandie		France

2024				
ISF Gymnasiade - School Summer Games	TBD	Ekaterinburg		Russian Federation



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