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Cooper

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THE PRESIDENT'S Rendezvous

H.A.Jacobs said « The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also. »



For the ISF, spring started on March 8, with the first ISF WSC of the 2015 season, followed by the first ISF Convention in Doha, Qatar.

I am extremely pleased that our ISF members could debate enthusiastically around topics. I am proud to say that we have the capacity to work hand in hand for the development of the ISF, it helped us to see clearly where we stand and how we should proceed. You will have a short insight of some outcomes of the Convention in this Magazine. We are still studying all recommendations with the objective of valorizing the ideas and drive them to a higher level.

The interventions of the experts were highly appreciated and their external opinion has given us a wider approach regarding all the aspects of the ISF and the World Schools Championships.

On behalf of all the members of the ISF and experts, I would like to stress the incredible hospitality we all received. All the teams involved in the Convention, Gala Dinner, Executive Committee and in the ISF World Schools Championship Tennis made it a success, beyond our expectations. I cannot be more grateful for everyone's availability and kindness from Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) and Qatar School Sports Association (QSSA). The WSC Tennis was successfully organized

and I congratulate all the participants for their behavior. The QSSA gave the chance for our young athletes to compete in an ATP tournament venue where tennis champions have written history. I cannot be more grateful for giving them the unique opportunity to play and experience within high quality infrastructures. There are currently four WSCs that are being held around the world; Football, Swimming, Basketball and Orienteering. They are all offering genuine experiences by bringing our young athletes an insight experience of international competitions. From Guatemala, where they will experience a local taste of Guatemala with high representatives of the Government and professional football players, to Poland, where the European Swimming Junior championship took place, in the company of the Olympic Swimming Champion Amaury Leveaux. In Limoges, they will play in Palais Beaublanc, the heartbeat place of Basketball in France. In Turkey, they will hit the wild nature. All this dedication encourages our athletes to perform properly and keep the spirit of sport values for their life. I have the upmost respect for all the organizational teams that have been working so hard to host all the delegations in the best conditions. I hope, you will make the most of the Championship and live an unforgettable experience.

Laurent Petrynka

Interview of Mark Cooper - Parkour

Last month, Charles Perrière and Mark Cooper attended the First Edition of the ISF Convention. It was the occasion for all ISF members to learn about a new sport: parkour, and its close cousins: freerunning and l'Art Du Déplacement.

Hello Mark, thank you for taking some time to introduce us to your practice.

What is Parkour? How and when was it created?

The physical practices known as parkour, freerunning, Art Du Déplacement and in some places as Yamakasi were born in the suburbs of Paris in the late 1980s. At their heart is a notion training to use only the mind and body to move through an urban or natural environment and its existing obstacles, often with running, jumping, vaulting, swinging and crawling.

Are there any specific Parkour rules?

Parkour, freerunning and Art Du Déplacement are very unstructured and informal physical practices, which is a huge part of their attraction to young people. We find that ever-increasing numbers of young people are turned away from traditional formal sport at an ever-earlier age because of too much structure, too much specialization, too much conformity and often having to buy too much stuff. Just like other practices where the dominant model is not one of playing a match—think climbing, surfing or

skateboarding—there are competitions in parkour and freerunning. The former tend to look like urban obstacle course races measured for time. The latter tend to be judged for technique, creativity and so on.

Parkour is very popular among kids, why do you think it does attract more and more kids? Is there any correlation between Video Games and Parkour?

Training itself tends to be done informally in social groups that are self-selecting, with training times arranged consensually over facebook, snapchat and other social media.



This means training is a simple extension of the social and technological lives that most kids have these days. It doesn't hurt of course that training is possible pretty much anywhere and requires no special or costly equipment.

The level of commitment is up to the individual and everyone gets to play. The image of a young child who has been driven to a match scheduled months in advance, wearing expensive kit, only to spend the match watching teammates from the sidelines is pretty much the opposite of what we do.

For us, this relevance to the way kids want to spend their time is vital. Everyone who values the power of sport to have a positive impact on young people needs to think really carefully about how kids live today and how we have to bring them with us.

In the USA all kids spend an average of just under two hours a day playing video games. And when they play, their game characters mostly use moves from parkour, freerunning and Art Du Déplacement to get around the 3D game environments. Over the last ten years, the game developers copied our moves to make the games more fun to play. So our physical practice already has complete resonance with the way kids these days consider human movement. And we know it's vital to get these kids moving physically as well as virtually, since in the USA and Europe, one in three children is overweight or obese.



The Mouvement International du Parkour, Freerunning et l'Art Du Déplacement was recently created. What are the next moves of the international federation?

Our key early priorities have been schools, disadvantaged groups and recognition. We're delighted to be working with ISF on the school side. In terms of disadvantaged groups, we are working on projects in Gaza and in Africa and also on the amazing popularity of parkour, freerunning and Art Du Déplacement among muslim women. We tend to train in long baggy clothes. Adding a headscarf is no problem and training can be done outside of the gyms and so on where women are sometimes prevented from training.

In terms of recognition, we are working with the International Olympic Committee

on becoming a recognized international federation, with a deadline of September of this year. That will be really helpful in terms of making our practice "official".

How will the ISF cooperate with the International Federation of Parkour? Are there any projects planned?

We are very excited that ISF has agreed to a demonstration of our practice at the 2016 Gymnasiade in Trabzon. We very much look forward to working with ISF members to connect them with our national member, so they may collaborate to make our practice part of their school sport and physical education curricula.

Thank you Mark for this interview and see you in Trabzon in July 2016 at the Opening Ceremony of the Gymnasiade!



The 1st ISF Convention, Doha – Qatar

The two days of convention concluded with a series of recommendations that aim at increasing the school sport practice and determining the approach for a long-term success.



Each working group was chaired by two ISF Executive Members and supported by experts such as Vincent Chaudel, Vice-President of Sport and Citizenship, Jutta Engelhardt, Executive Director of SportandDev, Michel Filliau, Senior Adviser at QOC, Kosta Iliev, National Federations & Sport Senior Manager (FIBA), Isidoros Kouvelos, President of the International Olympic Academy, Jon-Paul St. Germain, Senior Director Unified Sports and Sport Partnerships at Special Olympics, Pedro Velazquez, Director Social Innovation and Empowerment for Save the Dream, Szusanna Piko for NETFIT, Arun Kang, CEO of Sporting Equals, Mark Cooper, Dr. Arnout Geeraert, Pierre Arcens, etc..

Some working groups would be turned into commissions to keep reflecting on some major changes. Nevertheless some of them, based on the ideas discussed, could already be implemented soon, with the approval of the Executive Committee that will be held in October 2015.

- Cities will have from now on the possibility to bid for the organization of World Schools Championships through the School Sport Organisation in their country.

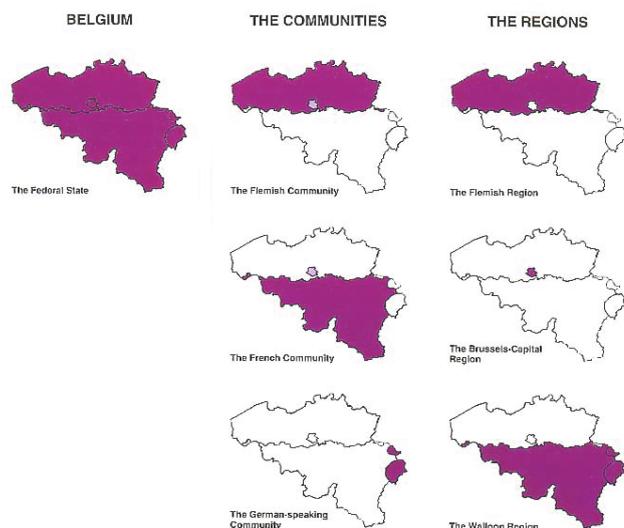
<http://www.isfsports.org/news/to-the-countries-interested-in-organising-an-isf-world-schools-championship-in-2018/>

- On the website all the information can be found for School Sport Organisations of which the country is not yet affiliated, to become an ISF member. <http://www.isfsports.org/news/come-and-join-us-as-our-international-school-sport-federation-is-going-forward-with-you>
- New guidelines would be proposed to the organizers regarding communication, health, etc.
- The communication would become more important with specific requirements for the organizers in order to use the same so-

- social network platform
- A bottom-up approach would be created through which the students would feel more included (for instance by organizing a survey for the cultural visits, giving them opportunity to discuss with ISF members at a Convention, etc)
- Bring more inclusion and equality in the ISF events and governance

As the first Convention turned out to be very successful, we already started thinking to organise a second Convention with a similar format but extended with a new range of ideas and topics. We will keep you informed about the progress of this project.





SCHOOL SPORT IN BELGIUM

A member country honoured

School sport in Belgium is quite complex. This country has a federal structure with three communities. Each has a different language and tradition and each has different ministers responsible for education and / or sports.



The first roots of school sport can be found in the early 20th Century (1907!) when, following an event in England, our colleges played football against each other ('Cardinal Cup'). At this time, it was the only inter-school competition in football and only for boys.

Just after the troubles of the Second World War, when everything had calmed down, Belgium became a Founder Member at the creation of FISEC (Federation Internationale Sportive de l'Enseignement Catholique). Belgium, France and England decided to organize a triangular football tournament. This was the start of international school sports. Perhaps this was also the signal to involve other sports such as athletics, swimming, cross country,

At that time, the school sport was still strong competitive. And now also the girls were involved!

At the start only the National Sports Federation of Catholic Schools existed in Belgium.

When Belgium was later split into the various communities in each region school sport was going its own way. Within each region was also an agreement that not only the free Catholic Schools (private schools), but all schools and students, regardless of their educational network, could organise their own competitions. Operation within these Federations started in secondary

schools but was soon followed by activities that started in the elementary schools.

Flanders, one of the communities in Belgium, was at the source of the ISF. To allow an international breakthrough, the Ministry of Flemish Culture provided a Secretariat and two full-time staff members available for more than 25 years of the former ISF. Also Armand Lams (Belgium / Flanders) was Chairman of the ISF for 16 years.

At first the three Belgian communities played biennial finals in the various sports in order to nominate a team to represent Belgium. Later, in agreement with ISF, they offered the opportunity to all three communities to take part together in an official event. For this they each have to pay an individual membership within ISF. The flags of the three Belgian communities (Flanders, Wallonia and the German-speaking Community) flew together for the first time at the Gymnasiade in Shanghai (China PR).

Belgium organized the first official ISF event in 1972 (Herentals, football). Since then Belgium has successfully organized 17 ISF events in practically every sport.

After more than thirty years of support from Flanders the ISF had sufficient funds to manage alone. The ISF Secretariat was separated from the SVS (Foundation for Schoolsport in Flanders) and the ISF is now working completely independently within the legal entity in Belgium.



The sport at school in Belgium has changed significantly since the start. The purely competitive school sport has largely evolved into a school sports for all. The intention is not only to involve the youngsters from the sports clubs, but also to offer opportunities to the non-sporting students. Now the students are consulted and there is more emphasis on encouraging them all to take part in sport. This is a challenge for not only the physical education teachers of the school but also for all teachers and their management.

Belgium is proud to be part of ISF and is happy to have contributed to the development of international school sports. Every event in which they participated was for all our students' an unforgettable moment and a fantastic experience!

Willy Seppion
Former General Director
Flemish School Sport Foundation

Story of the birth of WSCO 2015 Antalya

The story of the World Schools Championship Orienteering (WSCO) 2015 in Antalya has begun in ISD 2012 Congress in Izmir.



When I told Orienteering TC President Mr. Karl Keuppens that we were presenting our candidature as Turkey for WSCO in 2015, the answer was negative. Karl stated that Orienteering was not a school sport in Turkey; therefore it was difficult to be convincing for bidding. It was unfortunately true, nevertheless, we were studying orienteering in our gymnastics classes and it was one of the subjects that our students used to enjoy the most.

Orienteering is a demanding sport and it required muscle strength and resistance, mental capacity and interdisciplinary information exchange. Though, they were enjoying a maximum that discipline since it made them feel like they were the leading player of a computer game who is trying to find their targets while moving forward in the forest.

They were true warriors in the middle of the nature and they usually picked up orienteering as favorite sports while

they used to think that no other sport would suit them. Orienteering proved them wrong.

While advanced technology and urban transformations drove away the children and youngsters from natural living inevitably, it was required to make orienteering a School Sport to draw their attention to this sport. We took steps in that direction as TSOF and gladsomely orienteering has become a School Sport in 2013.

Provincial, local, group and Turkey championships have been held for the last 3 years. Now Number of students has their heart set on orienteering.

When we did candidate again to host ISF WSCO2015 organization, we were happily accepted. In May 2014, Orienteering TC President Mr. Karl Keuppens and ISF EC (Treasurer), delegate of orienteering Mr. Guy Fuse-nig came to Tekirova/Kemer for a preliminary visit. They have examined competition fields and maps as well as the hotel which will be the activity center and the possible cultural trip regions. ISF members, whom we believe that they have been satisfied, did not need to revisit the region.





In the preparation period of around 11 months, the maps have been updated and new racecourses have been established and sent to TCs. TCs have given feedbacks regarding the racecourses and maps via online communication and the courses have been renewed repeatedly. Meanwhile, OC has visited the region many times and the opening, closing and award ceremonies and activities such as cultural day, etc have been organized. The activity

has been promoted through social networks. Also, Volunteer Training program where volunteer high school students who can speak foreign languages will take part as well, to this WSO.

We go even further and added to the program the Friendship Team Event which will be held on April 23 National Sovereignty and Children's Day, activity open to public. We believe that it will be meaning-

ful when International students from England, Portugal and some of Baltic countries would place a wreath during April 23 ceremony since it is also St. George's Day. In this activity (FTE) which is one of the most beautiful examples of the ISF spirit, the dove of international integration, tolerance, friendship and peace will fly.

We are looking forward to our guests for our WSCO. We have a promise to fulfill and a week to enjoy and a successful organization with fair play principles at the forefront and the ISF spirit around us.

Check more on: <https://www.facebook.com/ISFWSCorienteering?fref=ts>

<http://www.isfwsc2015.org/en/>

Dr. Pervin AVSAR
ISF Orienteering TC

ISF Triathlon

The Executive Committee (EC) of the International School Sport Federation (ISF) attributed the organization of the second ISF Triathlon World Schools Championship to UNSS Versailles, France.



From May 27 to June 2 2015, more than 60 teams will compete individually, in teams in the stunning park of the Castle of Versailles; an idyllic place to host 16 delegations from all over the world, supervised by 160 organizers and 90 young referees, young organizers.

16 COUNTRIES GETTING TOGETHER IN VERSAILLES...

The best school triathlon athletes, coming from all the continents, will friendly compete under different formats. A unique competition that brings together teams of four triathletes who will be involved in four individual races based on gender and age category. Germany, Belarus, Brazil, Chile, Estonia, Guatemala, France, Mexico, Puerto Rico, United Kingdom, Russia, Slovakia, China Taipei, Iran, South Africa

and Ukraine will be present.

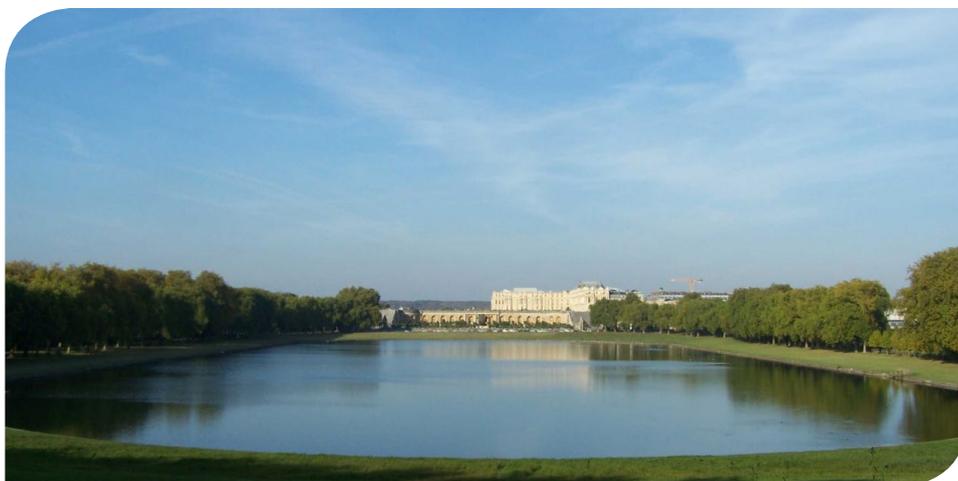
The program is intense and divers: training, cultural activities, official dinner, etc will give the tempo of this passionate week.

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This event in the sporting calendar of the ISF boosts the students to highlight their fair competitive spirit and desire to meet



ISF Triathlon
VERSAILLES 2015



and open up to the cultural backgrounds from other countries. The sports competition will also give time for culture and history in Versailles and Paris. In addition, The Château de Versailles, which has been on UNESCO's World Heritage List for 30 years, is one of the most beautiful achievements of 18th-century French art with Musical Fountain Show, Musical Gardens and exhibitions.

The competitions will be organized into two parts: on May 30, there will be the individual competitions and on May 31 the relay competition. A unique path along the « Pièce d'Eau des Suisses », Road « RD10 » between Versailles and the Saint Cyr School. This will be the occasion to meet with another triathlon championship "Open du Triathlon du Roi" and the official

race of "Triathlon du Roi", organized by the Triathlon Club of Versailles. The jury is composed by young national and international referees. More than 200 persons will be mobilized to make this championship a success.

During this week, the Gala Dinner for the School Sports Foundation will take place in Paris, on the dreamy Bateau Mouche for a Dinner of the Seine to see Paris shining up at night and finally revealing itself even

more romantic and magic. This will be the occasion for the UNSS organizers to meet the head of delegations and all the partners involved in the WSC and raise funds and awareness of the projects of the School Sport Foundation.

Check more on:

<https://www.facebook.com/ISFWSCTriathlon?fref=ts>

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CALENDAR

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2015

ISF Convention	18.03-20.03	Doha	Qatar
1. Executive Committee	17.03-22.03	Doha	Qatar
Tennis	08.03-15.03	Doha	Qatar
Football	12.04-20.04	Retalhuleu	Guatemala
Swim-Cup	16.04-21.04	Poznan	Poland
Basketball	17.04-25.04	Limoges	France
Orienteering	18.04-24.04	Tekirova / Antalya	Turkey
Athletic-Cup "Jean Humbert"	27.06-02.07	Wuhan	PR China
2. Executive Committee	24.10-30.10	Johannesburg	South Africa
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
2 nd ISF School Sport Educational Games	02.05-07.05	Athens	Greece
Triathlon	27.05-02.06	Versailles	France
Beach Volleyball	13.06-20.06	Aracaju	Brazil
'Luchando por la Paz'	21.06-26.06	Fuengirola	Spain
Baseball	19.10-25.10	Boca Chica	Dominican Republic

2016

1. Executive Committee	10.07-15.07	Trabzon	Turkey
General Assembly	11.07-14.07	Trabzon	Turkey
Ski	22.02-27.02	L'Aquila	Italy
Handball	11.03-19.03	Rouen	France
Badminton	11.03-19.03	(.....)	Malta
Table Tennis	01.04-08.04	(.....)	Israel
Futsal	(April)	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	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
Waterpolo	21.05-20.05	San Juan	Puerto Rico
Basketball 3 on 3	(June)	Tallinn	Estonia
EURO Football 2016	June	Lille / Lens	France
American School Games	18.06-26.06	Mayaguez	Puerto Rico
Cricket	(December)	Mumbai	India

2017

1. Executive Committee	1st semester	(Papeete)	(French Polynesia)
Athletic-Cup "Jean Humbert"	17.05-24.05	Nancy	France
Basketball	April	Poreč	Croatia
Football	May	Prague	Czech Republic
Orienteering	(.....)	L'Aquila	Italy
Swim-Cup	24.04-30.04	Budapest	Hungary
Tennis	(.....)	(.....)	Brazil
2. Executive Committee	2nd semester	(.....)	(.....)
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
Beach Volleyball	26.05-02.06	Papeete	French Polynesia
Triathlon	(.....)	(.....)	Puerto Rico

2018

1. Executive Committee	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
General Assembly	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Badminton	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Cross-country	(April/May)	(.....)	(Slovak Republic)
Futsal	(.....)	(.....)	(Israel)
Handball	(.....)	(.....)	(Brazil)(Israel)
Ski	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
Table Tennis	(08.06-16.06)	(Yaounde)	(Cameroon)
Volleyball	(May-June)	(Brno)	(Czech Republic)
2. Executive Committee	(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
<i>UNDER THE AEGIS OF ISF</i>			
Basketball 3 on 3	(May)	(San Juan)	(Puerto Rico)

Remark: between brackets = application / not yet decided/confirmed



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.



"We are school sport"

And... **there are**
more than
260 millions of us
all around the **world**