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## "Rendez-Vous" WITH THE PRESIDENT

With 2019 fully underway, I would like to take this opportunity to share the current progress and success ISF has already enjoyed this year. We have already seen several ISF events take place, including the addition of a new project, a new sport format to our calendar as well as a new member organising their first ISF event, displaying a new dynamism in the federation. Furthermore, the ISF relations with international federations and institutions has shown real development, supporting the growth of our events. These last three months have been a great period for the integration and inclusivity of ISF, further strengthening and expanding our network.

Our ground breaking inaugural event 'She Runs Active Girls' Lead' organised from 12th – 15th March 2019 in Paris supported by the European Commission and its Erasmus+ Sport programme, has now passed, and what an incredible experience it was. Each activity displayed perfectly how this event can bring girls together from all corners of the world, in celebrating and furthering female empowerment through sport. The ISF recently presented the project to the EU Sport Forum in Romania, which further strengthens the hope for a long and bright future for this project!

Unfortunately, the beginning of the year saw the ISF learned of the sudden passing of long-time member of the Executive Committee and ISF America president, Mr Alexander Gray of Chile. He was a true champion for the promotion and development of school sport, dedicating his experience and passion for years towards the evolution and expansion of ISF. I know myself and the rest of the ISF family will truly miss him as the devoted colleague and friend he was to us.

It was not long before the beginning of our calendar of events that we had our first Executive Committee meeting of the year in Larnaca, Cyprus. As always, this EC meeting provided us with a great opportunity to further discuss and evaluate our current development at ISF. It allowed for all ISF committees to come together and make their first report on ISF achievements. This occasion was a perfect opportunity to bring up the development of ISF events and projects, sharing and discussing with all EC members present, the ISF sport vision for the future, as well as our sport policy. One development that focused in particular on the inclusivity of the ISF was the decision to reduce the annual ISF membership fee for all countries, down to 100€ as of 2019. I believe this will bring increased opportunity for our current and future members and therefore raise the participation levels in school sport for years to come.

Naturally, discussions also covered our global school sports events. Most notably, the Jinjiang delegation for the ISF Gymnasiade School Summer Games 2020 were able to present their progress report. Since the EC meeting, we have also been able to follow up on this report, visiting Jinjiang in person to meet with the LOC and Jinjiang authorities for more detailed discussions on the current progress of the event, all of which are immensely positive.

Staying on the same theme, it is incredibly exciting to see how interested ISF members are, in becoming the potential host for the ISF Gymnasiade School Summer Games 2022 which will follow Jinjiang. The Four official candidates to organise ISF's largest event, (Azerbaijan, France, Russian Federation and Serbia) gathered at the ISF headquarters in Brussels on 30th April 2019 so that the newly updated process towards attribution could be presented and explained. I look forward to seeing the four candidates' presentations at the General Assembly later this year!

The development by the working group of the ISF sport policy is clear to see from these new events in the ISF calendar, showing the energy and desire of our organisation and our member countries and what direction school sport is going in. The integration of new sports and formats (volleyball U15, climbing, flying disc, Inclusive Games and chess) and the integration of new active countries in the ISF as participants and organisers (Azerbaijan and Lebanon participating and Armenia Organising) has brought real dynamism to the organisation. Already, we have seen five events take place this year with the Educational Games, WSC volleyball U15, WSC football, WSC basketball and WSC orienteering having passed, yet we still have so much more to look forward to.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has so far been involved in making this year so successful, your contribution to school sports is invaluable. I look forward to seeing you all at the General Assembly on June 30th in Agadir, Morocco.

Laurent Petrynska

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# World of School Sport

## United Arab Emirates Schools Football Cup



The UAE Schools Football Cup is a tournament for children aged 10 to 16. It is designed to bring together over 12,000 children from both national and international schools in the UAE. This then provides them with an incredible opportunity to interact with kids of different backgrounds whilst enjoying football. Players benefit from the tournament environment, giving them a taste of competition. The UAE Schools Football Cup works under the 'du Football Champions' initiative which provides a unique international youth football scouting platform. This nationwide initiative also collaborates with the Ministry of Education, Dubai Sports Council, Abu Dhabi Sports Council and Sharjah Sports Council. The aim is to achieve sustainable human development through the discovery of promising talents, who will then raise the bar on sports excellence at local and national levels throughs this school aimed initiative as they aim to become the next generation of professional male and female footballers.

## Portuguese School Sport Cup



In Portugal, the 2018/2019 period marks the 4th year of the School Sport Cup initiative. This project aims to boost team spirit and teamwork under the motto of "win the group, win the school". In this competition, all schools at national level are involved. In order to reach this competition, the participating teams had to go through qualification tournaments to determine who would have the privilege of being in contention on this national stage. The School Sport Cup is formed of four sports: handball; basketball; athletics and table tennis. It is compulsory that each participating school competes in all four sports, providing teams of both girls and boys for handball and basketball and mixed teams for table tennis and athletics, with all students belonging to the same class.

## Rwanda Talent Detection



From January 3rd – 6th, 425 U16 Rwandan students gathered at the "Groupe Scolaire Official de Butare" (GSOB) school to find the most talented athletes in football, basketball, volleyball and handball.

This was the second search for talented young athletes, with the first taking place on December 19th, 2018. Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Technology in Schools, Furere Rudasingwa Camille was a representative of the project in Huye, sharing some of the thoughts behind the event. "We are very grateful for this initiative in this school year because it has been specifically done to allow children with gifts in sport to be sent to selected schools in order to be closely monitored by the coaches and specialists."

One of the teachers who came to help with the selection of the best participants was Mr Mashami Vincent, who now coaches football at the national level had this to add: "I have been able to see that in the two categories involved, we have a lot of gifted athletes that can make our country very important in football. The only thing is that there is a shortage of trainers. They have a lot of competitions and are given a good platform, the best for their age as well as the best apparatus for exercise."

This shows a clear desire from The Ministry of Education of Rwanda to provide school sports with a platform to further develop the current sporting youth.

## Brazilian National School Championships for Swimming



School athletes from all over Brazil gathered in Rio de Janeiro for the Brazilian Schools Swimming Championship. Between March 21st – 24th, school students aged 15 to 18 competed at the Maria Lenk Water Park which was used during the 2016 Olympic Games. The development of youth sport through the continued use of sport facilities from the Olympic Games is an important legacy left by the 2016 event.

This national championship also served as the qualifying stage to determine the Brazilian representative for the ISF Swimming World Schools Championship that will again take place in Rio de Janeiro, between May 18th – 23rd.

The event was organised by the Brazilian School Sports Federation (CBDE) and its president Mr Antonio Hora Filho, in partnership with the Rio de Janeiro Student Sports Federation (FEERJ). Mr Walter Thiessen, president of the School Sports Federation of Sergipe (FSDE) commented on the already high level of swimming: "This is already considered one of the greater Brazilian School Swimming accomplishments, which of course increases our responsibility, but we are working to make everything happen within the plan so that our students, who are the real stars, can truly shine."

<https://www.cbde.org.br/noticias.php?id=221&pg=5>

**“SPORT is  
an ESSENTIAL  
element  
of EDUCATION”**

GEORGE A. SHEEHAN



**“SHE RUNS, ACTIVE GIRLS’ LEAD”  
WE DID IT!**

The inaugural 'She Runs, Active Girls' Lead' event, held in Paris, France from March 12th to 15th welcomed 500 young women from 33 countries and 4 continents. This first international event to promote girls' health, gender equality and leadership through sport saw four days of educational activities on topics of sport, culture, inspiration, entrepreneurship.

ISF would like to once again thank the Erasmus+ Sport Programme and the European Commission for its support during this project, allowing for 500 girls from 33 countries to come together to learn about equality, health and empowerment through sport.

Day one was fully dedicated to culture and education through teamwork and cultural diversity. Participants took part in a scavenger hunt around Paris, exploring its history and following in the footsteps of iconic French women whilst completing tasks, getting the mixed groups of girls to work together.

The highlight of the project was the run along the banks of the river Seine in the centre of Paris. The 500 international girls from 'She Runs, Active Girls' Lead' joined up with 1500 local French girls to complete a run of 3km. Participants were welcomed at the Paris City Hall Square by: ISF president, Mr Laurent Pe-

tryńska; The Head of the Sport Unit at the European Commission, Mr Yves Le Lostecque; the Romanian Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr Bogdan Matei; National Director of the French School Sport Federation (UNSS), Ms Nathalie Costantini; VinylPlus General Manager, Brigitte Dero and ISF Executive Committee members, Alan Abaev; Julia Boyanova; Cristina Branzoi; Joao Graça and Roman Greba.

The 'She Runs' village introduced the girls to various fun activities, allowing for them to try new sports, learn about sustainable sport and join in the electric atmosphere all whilst making new friends and embracing the day dedicated to girls. 'She Runs' sponsor VinylPlus added the sustainability aspect to the event,

making sure that participants recognised the importance of sustainable sport and the Environmental Action in place with ISF.

On Day Three of the event, the 500 internatio-

nal girls gathered at Palais Brongniart to hear from iconic sportswomen: Birgitta Kervinen, the 2017 winner of the IOC Women and Sport World award; karate World Champion and founder of the NGO 'Fight for Dignity', Laurence Fischer; the women's marathon world record holder, Paula Radcliffe and ice-skating Olympian, Valentina Marchei. The four speakers shared their stories and experiences in sport with the girls, providing a very inspirational aspect to the whole event.

The final day saw a select group of 40 girls participate in the design sprint section of the project at Station F. This gave the girls the chance to learn innovative methods to create and carry out projects addressing physical inactivity. The select group were given the support and advice needed to develop simple and tangible ideas to promote physical activity for girls and women in their local communities. They will then return home to implement these ideas into their own actual projects.

## INTERVIEW WITH YVES LE LOSTECQUE

(HEAD OF THE SPORT UNIT,  
EUROPEAN COMMISSION)

The European Commission decided to support this She Runs project because we considered that in this project there are a lot of elements that we like very much and that we look for, in projects.

So clearly it is a project of promotion for sport and physical activity. It's a project where schools are at the centre of the concept.

It's about the promotion of gender equality in sport and it's a project where it's the promotion of positive values in sport.

So, this is what we really like in this project. Of course, it was elected after an open and professional process and the fact it was pushed by ISF, a very strong and reliable partner was also an element in making the final choice.

The Erasmus+ programme is not only about education, youth and training. It's also now about sport and so it was good to use a sports organisation.

Since 2014, we have started financing sport projects in many directions, to fight against doping, match fixing, violence, sport corruption but also about promoting positive values in sport, gender equality, volunteering as well as the practice of sport and physical activity.

Every year we have more possibilities to finance projects which must be European, not necessarily for all member states but involving a minimum number of partners and the ISF project is one of the projects which demonstrates this.

Encouraging women and girls to practice sport is clearly one of our priorities.

In sport as in other areas of the commission, gender equality is an important dimension but in sport in particular. Because we consider even though the situation is improving, there is a lot still to do.

We do this in 2 ways; first we can support projects with an increased budget dedicated to the promotion of sport for women and secondly, we take political initiatives to encourage sport organisations to improve the situation.



## INTERVIEW WITH BOGDAN MATEI

(ROMANIAN MINISTER OF  
YOUTH AND SPORTS)

I will just mention one example; three years ago, my commissioner, Tibor Navracsics, decided to offer to sport organisations the possibility to commit to a pledge board on good governance in sport.

There were several aspects of this pledge board in order to help sport organisations improve their good governance and one of these key aspects was gender equality in sport.

These organisations were invited to make concrete commitments to promote gender equality in sport and the practice of sport for women and girls.

For She Runs, I am just impressed with the project. I knew it on paper, we clearly liked it on paper, and it was a good project corresponding towards the criteria for selecting a project.

When I came here, I saw that what was happening was not only from the things planned on paper. It had with it a great atmosphere of friendship and cooperation, with people who are enthusiastic and full of energy. So, I must say I love the project.

Romania is very interested in developing sports and physical activity from a very young age.

One of our most important projects is called Romania in Movement which is dedicated to these kinds of activities for girls at this age.

We will continue to motivate and encourage girls in all schools to participate in sport and physical activity.

It is very important the EU supports this kind of project, not only for girls and youth but it is also important that the EU supports developing sport for the general population. I hope that Romania and the other countries in the EU will continue this development because it will also benefit people's general health.

There is no reason why Romania, with similar support from the EU could not organise and support an event like She Runs in the future.

This is a very positive initiative. I have to congratulate the organisers for what they have done here. I am glad I succeeded in finding the group of girls from Romania who I managed to meet and congratulate. This is an example for every country who would like to organise an event like this in the future.

## INTERVIEW WITH BRIGITTE DERO

(VINYLPLUS GENERAL  
MANAGER)

Vinyl Plus decided to support She Runs as we share the same objectives about education, empowerment and leadership.

Also, with an aspect of entrepreneurship, in order to help young girls to look at, to engage and to take the lead in some activities.

We are engaged with a charter, a kind of environmental action. The way we did it is that Vinyl Plus represents the PVC value chain in Europe.

We are working together with 200 companies producing PVC which is largely used in sport equipment and via the environmental action we would like to interest the young generation about the way you can take all the PVC back that is used today in this village.

I mean the tents, the flooring and all the equipment in order to reuse them or to recycle them. That is the interesting part for us, it is to engage in this educational aspect.

Today everybody is talking about sustainable development, circular economy and all these types of issues.

The younger generation is extremely concerned by these.

What we must do is to help them to be involved in it, and the best thing to do is to engage the younger generation and the women, the girls in particular, and show them concrete actions.

And that is the reason why we came here, with PVC which can be recycled, reused completely and enter in this circular economy aspect.

The main objective is to reduce the environmental impact of such types of sports events. My personal experience in a way in leading an industry group, is to help the people to work together and I really believe that women have a lot of skill to do that as well. I would like to inspire other young women, young girls, to take the lead, don't follow.

What I think about She Runs is that it is absolutely a great event. First, it is extremely well organised, bringing together such a number of young girls from schools, because everything starts at school.





**ELEANOR**  
(SHE RUNS PARTICIPANT FROM ENGLAND, 15 YEARS OLD)

My name is Eleanor Webb, I am from England and I am 15 years old. For me, I think that sport gives girls confidence. It makes you feel much better and it helps you make friends. Say school stresses you out or you feel bad, playing sport, like I play netball at the weekends, it makes me feel better and it destresses me. And it allows me to have fun with my friends.

**IDA**  
(SHE RUNS PARTICIPANT FROM TURKEY, 18 YEARS OLD)

Hello, my name is Ida and I am from Turkey. I am 18 years old. I think sport is really important for girls and for everybody because with sport you can learn about yourself, your own body and your own limits and it makes it easier to accept yourself. Accept your body with everything, and when you start to accept yourself, society will accept you more easily. Being accepted makes you more powerful and all girls and women have to be more powerful. Because they don't see us as equals to men. Organisations like this show us that girls can do it and yes, we can do it. We can do everything we want. So, thank you so much to ISF and the sport federation in turkey that they gave us a chance to show our country and to the world that we can do it. So, thank you so much for having us here.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## ISF EVENTS IN APRIL

### ISF Educational Games



Yet again, Athens and Olympia were the central hub for education through sport as they hosted the 6th ISF Educational Games from March 27th to April 2nd. This year's event saw seven delegations participate, with Bulgaria, China, France, Russia and Ukraine represented alongside Special Olympics team England and a mixed team from Italy.

Over the five days, participants were put through various educational and sport activities with the emphasis being on inclusion and unity in sport. This annual event embraces the legacy of the Olympic Games, teaching youth about Olympism, sport values, volunteering and the history of the Olympic movement.

With the delegations visiting the Ancient Olympic Stadium as well as the Panathenaic Stadium which was host to the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, it was the perfect opportunity to teach and display these Olympic values.

### ISF WSC Volleyball U15



This year saw the inaugural ISF World Schools Championship for Volleyball U15 hosted from March 30th to April 6th in Porec, Croatia. The School Sport Federation of Croatia (CSSF) welcomed 15 teams of girls and 8 teams of boys from 14 different countries, bringing a total of 368 participants with them. It was the schools from China that clinched victory in both categories, battling the schools from Chinese Taipei in both finals.

It was great to see the continued growth of ISF, not only with the addition of the Volleyball U15 event but also with the first-time participation of the School Sport Federation of Nepal, who also took home with them the Kinder+Sport trophy for fair play for their fantastic wholehearted performance at the championship.

#### WSC Volleyball U15 Final Rankings 11<sup>th</sup> March – 16<sup>th</sup> March

Boys			Girls		
1 <sup>st</sup>	China	Nanjing No.1 Middle School	1 <sup>st</sup>	China	Nanjing No.3 Senior Middle School
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chinese Taipei	Taichung Municipal Tan-Show Junior High school	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chinese Taipei	New Taipei Municipal Hi-Sui Junior High School
3 <sup>rd</sup>	France	College Simin Paley	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spain	IES N1 DE CHESTE

## ISF WSC Football



From April 6th to 14th the School Sport Federation of Serbia hosted the 26th edition of the ISF Football World Schools Championship in Belgrade, welcoming members of the ISF Executive Committee and ISF president Mr Laurent Petrynska as well as representatives of the city of Belgrade and the Ministry of Sport.

With football being one of the very first events in the history of ISF, it is no wonder that there continues to be such a strong interest to participate. A total of 26 countries brought 876 participants to Belgrade, forming 24 teams of boys and 16 teams of girls in this year's event. With 144 matches taking place throughout the event there were plenty of opportunities for the young reporters present to capture all that was going on. A total of 72 videos are available on ISF's YouTube channel, including all the semi-final matches as well as both finals.

### WSC Football Final Rankings

Boys	Girls
1st Brazil	1st China
2nd Slovakia	2nd Chinese Taipei
3rd Austria	3rd Spain



## ISF WSC Basketball



### WSC Basketball Final Rankings

Boys	Girls
1st Israel	1st Finland
2nd Greece	2nd Turkey
3rd Turkey	3rd Greece

Heraklion, Greece played host to the 2019 ISF Basketball World Schools Championship from April 12th to 20th, welcoming ISF Committee member Julia Boyanova, representatives of the city of Heraklion as well as inspectors from the International Basketball Federation (FIBA)

This WSC is another one of ISF's oldest events which can be seen from the strong participation levels we had this year. A total of 50 teams were present in Heraklion, divided into 26 teams of girls and 24 teams of boys, bringing with them 571 athletes.

This year it was Israel who won the boys event, taking on Greece in their final and Finland who won the girls event, matched up against Turkey in their final. The final event standings were established after 166 hard fought matches that went ahead thanks in large part to the 750 volunteers present to assist the running of the 25th edition of the ISF WSC Basketball 2019. The live transmission of this years event was a tremendous success, due in part to the collaborations with the International Basketball Federation and the Olympic Channel who transmitted the event from their websites.



## ISF WSC Orienteering



From 29th April to 5th May 2019, Otepää, Estonia organised the 18th edition of the World Schools Championship for orienteering. As hosts, the Estonian School Sport Union welcomed a total of 595 athletes from 23 teams of boys and 24 teams of girls coming from 24 different countries. Orienteering combines navigational skills and the physical ability to move at speed through unfamiliar terrain and has been in the ISF calendar since 1987 with Estonia last hosting the event in 1995.

## FOCUS ON COMING ISF EVENTS

With three World Schools Championships already been and gone, here's a look to the events we have to look forward to in the month of May.

### ISF WSC Athletics



Date	13 <sup>th</sup> May – 19 <sup>th</sup> May
City	Split
Country	Croatia
Host	Croatian School Sport Federation (CSSF)
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ISFWSCAthleticCup">www.facebook.com/ISFWSCAthleticCup</a>
ISF Website	<a href="https://www.isfsports.org/athletics">www.isfsports.org/athletics</a>
Inaugural Event	1973 in Athens, Greece
Number of Past Events	17

### ISF WSC Swimming



Date	18 <sup>th</sup> May – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
City	Rio Do Janeiro
Country	Brazil
Host	Confedera ao Brasilaira do Desporto Escolar (C.B.D.E.)
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ISFWSCswimcup">www.facebook.com/ISFWSCswimcup</a>
ISF Website	<a href="https://www.isfsports.org/swimming">www.isfsports.org/swimming</a>
Inaugural Event	1997 in Antwerp, Belgium
Number of Past Events	11

## ISF WSC Climbing



Date	18 <sup>th</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> May
City	Aubenas
Country	France
Host	Union Nationale du Sport Scolaire (UNSS)
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/isfclimbing">www.facebook.com/isfclimbing</a>
ISF Website	<a href="https://www.isfsports.org/climbing">www.isfsports.org/climbing</a>
Inaugural Event	This is the first WSC for climbing
Number of Past Events	0

## ISF WSC Tennis



Date	2 <sup>nd</sup> June – 9 <sup>th</sup> June
City	Castel Di Sangro
Country	Italy
Host	Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ISFWSTennis">www.facebook.com/ISFWSTennis</a>
ISF Website	<a href="https://www.isfsports.org/tennis">www.isfsports.org/tennis</a>
Inaugural Event	1995 in Duisburg, Germany
Number of Past Events	9

## ISF WSC Triathlon



Date	3 <sup>rd</sup> June – 7 <sup>th</sup> June
City	Castelnau-d'Oléron
Country	France
Host	Union Nationale du Sport Scolaire (UNSS)
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ISFWSTriathlon">www.facebook.com/ISFWSTriathlon</a>
ISF Website	<a href="https://www.isfsports.org/triathlon">www.isfsports.org/triathlon</a>
Inaugural Event	2013 in San Juan, Puerto Rico
Number of Past Events	3

## ISF Combat Games



Date	16 <sup>th</sup> June – 21 <sup>st</sup> June
City	Budapest
Country	Hungary
Host	Hungarian School Sport Federation
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ISFCCombatGames">www.facebook.com/ISFCCombatGames</a>
ISF Website	<a href="https://www.isfsports.org/combat-sports">www.isfsports.org/combat-sports</a>
Inaugural Event	2017 in Agra, India
Number of Past Events	1

## ISF WSC Flying Disc



Date	24 <sup>th</sup> June – 29 <sup>th</sup> June
City	Le Mans
Country	France
Host	Union Nationale du Sport Scolaire (UNSS)
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ISUltimate">www.facebook.com/ISUltimate</a>
ISF Website	<a href="https://www.isfsports.org/flying-disc">www.isfsports.org/flying-disc</a>
Inaugural Event	This is the first WSC for Flying Disc
Number of Past Events	0

## ISF Inclusive Games



Date	7 <sup>th</sup> July – 12 <sup>th</sup> July
City	Póvoa de Varzim
Country	Portugal
Host	Divisão do Desporto Escolar (DGE)
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ISFinclusivegames">www.facebook.com/ISFinclusivegames</a>
ISF Website	<a href="https://www.isfsports.org/inclusive-games">www.isfsports.org/inclusive-games</a>
Inaugural Event	This is the first organised Inclusive games by the ISF
Number of Past Events	0

## ISF WSC Chess



Date	18 <sup>th</sup> September – 25 <sup>th</sup> September
City	Tsaghkabzor
Country	Armenia
Host	Republican Sports Federation of School Boys (RSFS)
ISF Website	<a href="http://www.isfsports.org/chess">www.isfsports.org/chess</a>
Inaugural Event	This is the first WSC for Chess, being previously part of the Gymnasiade
Number of Past Events	0

## ISF WSC Beach Volleyball



Date	3 <sup>rd</sup> October – 10 <sup>th</sup> October
City	San vito lo capo
Country	Italy
Host	Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ISFWSCvolleyball">www.facebook.com/ISFWSCvolleyball</a>
ISF Website	<a href="http://www.isfsports.org/beach-volleyball">www.isfsports.org/beach-volleyball</a>
Inaugural Event	2011 in Anasco, Puerto Rico
Number of Past Events	4

## Inside ISF

# THE ISF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



The first ISF Executive Committee meeting of 2019 took place in Larnaca, Cyprus from the 22nd – 25th March, hosted by the School Sport Federation of Cyprus and the Ministry of Education. This gathering allowed for members to further evaluate the current development of ISF itself as well as its global school sports events.

Members present at the meeting were greeted by both Mr Laurent Petrynska, ISF president and Mr Nicos Megalemos, ISF Europe president. Additionally, they were also welcomed by Ms Kallie Hagjiiosif, the head of the physical education department at the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus as well as Mr Jason Jasonidis, Deputy Mayor of Larnaca.

Proceedings began with members evaluating the current development of ISF, followed by reports from ISF president Mr Laurent Petrynska, deputy president Mr Robson Aguiar, ISF vice president Mr Xue Yanqing, ISF secretary general and CEO Mr Hrvoje Custonja, ISF continental presidents Mr Nicos Megalemos, Mr Grae-

me Jennings and Mr Youssef Belqasmi, and ISF sports director Mr Josip Kosutic.

After much discussion, the meeting moved onto several presentations on athletes and youth, communication and marketing, education and legal committees, development and cooperation as well as ethic and legal committees. These subjects were presented by ISF EC members Mr Xue Yanqing, Ms Julia Boyanova, Mr Nicos Megalemos, Mr Lauri Luik and Mr Roman Greba.

The year 2020 is very much an important period in the ISF calendar, with the ISF Gymnasiade Summer School Games being hosted

in Jinjiang, China. The city's delegation as well as the chairman of the Jinjiang Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Mr Lin Renda were present at the EC meeting to present their report on the preparations for the organisation of ISF's largest event. The Jinjiang Gymnasiade is all set to be once again, a record-breaking ISF event with new sport disciplines added, a high level of hospitality and organisation as well as incredibly powerful media and communication campaigns. Furthermore, Gymnasiade 2020 will be also supported by the four new official ISF sponsors Anta, Lilang, Panpan and Shua.

## PREPARATION MEETING FOR THE ISF GYMNASIADE SCHOOL SUMMER GAMES 2020, HOSTED BY JINJIANG, CHINA.

Between April 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, an ISF delegation led by ISF President, Mr Laurent Petryna and Secretary General and CEO, Mr Hrvoje Customja attended the Gymnasiade 2020 preparation meeting in Jinjiang, China.

Throughout the three days, the ISF delegation evaluated and discussed the current progress of the organising of the ISF Gymnasiade School Summer Games 2020, which will take place from October 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Jinjiang, China. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) presented their reports to the ISF delegation, which were followed by discussions on important topics such as the sport programme, accommodation, transport, communication and broadcasting.

An ISF delegation formed of ISF President Mr Laurent Petryna, ISF Secretary General and CEO Mr Hrvoje Customja along with ISF staff members was able to meet with the Mayor of Jinjiang, Mr Zhang Wenxian, Party Secretary of Jinjiang, Mr Liu Wenru, President of the Chinese School Sport Federation, Mr Xue Yanqing and the delegation of the LOC.

The Mayor of Jinjiang, Mr Zhang Wenxian highlighted in his progress report that the Jinjiang government targeted plans to improve transportation, landscape, city civilization, electricity, city image and security as some of the key areas that will facilitate venue construction, help cultivate the Gymnasiade atmosphere and better serve the competitions of the whole event.



## MEETING WITH ISF GYMNASIADE SCHOOL SUMMER GAMES 2022 CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

On April 30th, 2019, the ISF gathered at their headquarters in Brussels, Belgium to welcome the representatives of Azerbaijan, France, Russian Federation and Serbia who are the four bidding countries for the Gymnasiade - School Summer Games 2022.

Led by ISF Secretary General and CEO, Mr Hrvoje Customja, the ISF staff presented to the four groups of representatives the various steps in the bidding process which will take place throughout the year until the final attribution process in November 2019. It was the opportunity to discuss these processes with the bidding countries, in order to assist them in preparing their next step in their bid.

The next step for this bidding process shall be a first official presentation of the four candidate countries at the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting, which will take place at the end of June in Agadir, Morocco.



## Member Country Focus

# CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Interview with Mamadou Souleymane Kone – Director General of the Ivorian Office of School and University Sports (OISSU) and ISF Executive Committee Member



### WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL SPORT IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE?

Our priorities for developing school sport in Côte d'Ivoire are focused on creating synergistic actions between various partners. These include: The Ministry of Sports; The Ministry of National Education; technical teaching; vocational training; local authorities; national sports federations as well as other private partners. Additionally, we hope to increase the level of prestige and reputation of all school sports events, whilst improving the support available for their infrastructure as well as the facilities and equipment available. This will of course require a lot of time and effort to make this happen, therefore it is also important to put our efforts towards the training of all personnel involved.

### WHAT ADVANTAGES HAS SCHOOL SPORT BROUGHT SPECIFICALLY TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE? WHAT MAJOR EVENTS IN CÔTE

#### D'IVOIRE ORGANISED BY YOUR FEDERATION ARE HAPPENING IN THE COMING WEEKS OR MONTHS?

The majority of well-known Ivorian athletes are products of school sport. (Marie-Josée Ta Lou, World Championships 100m and 200m runner-up, African Championships 100m and 200m gold medallist; Hua Wilfried Koffi, 200m and 4x100m relay gold medallist at the Jeux de la Francophonie; Cheick Sallah Cissé Junior, Taekwondo gold medallist at the 2016 Rio Olympics; Ruth Gbagbi, World Championships and African Championships gold medallist, etc.). Their success has had a positive impact on the economy as well as helping to promote Côte d'Ivoire.

School sport brings with it many different types of positive opportunities. It provides citizenship training for the youth of Côte d'Ivoire, particularly in the implementation of programs such as the training of young officials who are involved in the management and evolution of the school sports movement. Furthermore, school sport helps with maintaining a peaceful school environment where violent behaviour would greatly affect the quality of education gained by students.

In connection with the competitions of the 2018-2019 season, we will be organising from the end of April to October 2019, the following major activities:

- Regional finals (football, handball, basketball, volleyball, athletics, rugby 7's, wrestling and badminton.)
- The Championships for football, athletics, handball and basketball for three different categories.
- Cross country (Primary school category, girls and boys of 10 to 13 years for a race of 3km and the secondary school category, girls and boys of 14 to 18 years for a race of 5km)

#### WHAT COOPERATION DO YOU HAVE WITH OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AROUND SCHOOL SPORTS PROJECTS?

Côte d'Ivoire is a member of the African School Sports Federation (FASS) participating in its Executive Committee, helping in the creation of the regional structure of school sports in West Africa. A current major African project is 'Cross Country for Schools' which demonstrates the cooperation across borders, most notably with Morocco and Benin.

#### AS A MEMBER OF THE ISF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE SPECIALITY OF ISF IN THE WORLD OF SPORT AND EDUCATION AND WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS?

ISF has managed to achieve universal coverage and develop values that meet the expectations of all environments. On the other hand, ISF's decision to support national and international entities can be an important lever for the promotion of school sports. Guiding countries where the school sport movement is being developed is helped by the short and long-term perspectives outlined in the ISF Vision 2030. The transition ISF has shown is a good display of positive change, helping to improve the transparency in the managing of ISF.

#### BASED ON YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO WORK IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL SPORTS?

School sport is in itself a training school for life. Furthermore, it is a place to prepare for what sport can provide in terms of performance and management, whilst promoting a better and more united world with fewer injustices related to gender, race, religion, health, origins, etc.

## Forum

# 2<sup>ND</sup> AFRICAN SCHOOL SPORT FORUM



Under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohamed VI, Tangier, Morocco hosted the second African School Sport Forum on April 26th – 27th, 2019 and was attended by the Minister of National Education, Professional Training of Higher Education and Scientific Research Mr Saaid Amzazi and by ISF president Mr Laurent Petrynska. Organised by the African School Sport Federation (ASSF) proceedings were overseen by Mr Youssef Belqasmi, ASSF president, ISF Executive Committee member and member of the Ministry of National Education, Professional Training of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

This gathering, also attended by ISF Sport Director Josip Kosutic, signified another step in the ISF development of the school sport movement and vision of Africa initiated by the ISF president, having begun its journey from the 2016 attribution of the ISF Gymnasiade School Summer Games all the way through to the event itself in 2018. This journey has seen an improved ISF impact on African school sport, in connection to better support and organisation of the ASSF. This is a part of the ISF's global strategy, to further strengthen relations with members and improve the cooperation and involvement of these global relations in the school sport movement.



## Honour

# IN HONOUR OF ALEXANDER GRAY



It was with great sorrow that this year saw the passing of one of ISF's long time dedicated leaders, Alexander Gray Davies. As the president of ISF America, head of the School Sports Department of the Catholic University Sports Club, Chile and long-time member of the ISF Executive Committee, Mr Gray displayed his passion and drive to develop youth and school sport. He devoted his time to creating opportunities for the young students from Chile and America, using sport and education as a vehicle to change the lives of youth. It is clear to say he played an immense part in contributing to the global development of ISF, displaying an unwavering commitment to the cause. His legacy will be kept on by the future generations of youth, of whom he was devoted to helping. The whole of the ISF family will remember Alexander Gray as the valued friend and colleague he was.

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**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.**

# CALENDAR

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2019				
ISF WSC Orienteering	29/04 - 05/05	Otepää	Estonia	
ISF WSC Athletics	13/05 - 19/05	Split	Croatia	
ISF WSC Swimming	18/05 - 23/05	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	
ISF WSC Climbing	18/05 - 24/05	Aubenas	France	
ISF WSC Tennis	02/06 - 09/06	Castel di Sangro	Italy	
ISF WSC Triathlon	03/06 - 08/06	Castelnau-d'Azergues	France	
Combat Games	16/06 - 21/06	Budapest	Hungary	
ISF WSC Flying Disc	24/06 - 29/06	Le Mans	France	
Meeting of the ISF Committees and Presidents of Sport Technical Commissions	28/06	Agadir	Morocco	
Meeting ISF Continental associations and ISF Executive Committee	29/06	Agadir	Morocco	
ISF General Assembly	30/06	Agadir	Morocco	
Inclusive Games	07/07 - 12/07	Póvoa de Varzim	Portugal	
WSC Chess	18/09 - 25/09	Tsaghkabzor	Armenia	
ISF WSC Beach Volleyball	03/10 - 10/10	San Vito lo Capo	Italy	
2. Executive Committee	TBC	( ... )	( ... )	

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

2020				
ISF WSC Volleyball	TBC	Foz do Iguaçu	Brazil	
Beach Games	TBC	TBC	Ukraine	
ISF WSC Sambo	TBC	TBD	Armenia	
ISF WSC Basketball 3x3	TBC	Rajnandgaon	India	
ISF WSC Handball	TBC	Belgrade	Serbia	
ISF WSC Futsal	TBC	Lyon	France	
ISF WSC Badminton	TBC	Olympia	Greece	
ISF WSC Cross-Country	TBC	Šamorín – Čilsto	Slovakia	
ISF WSC Dance	TBC	( ... )	Russian Federation	
Summer Gymnasiade	17/10 - 24/10	Jinjiang	China	
ISF WSC Table Tennis	17/10 - 24/10	Jinjiang	China	

2021				
ISF WSC Athletics	TBC	Trazbon	Turkey	
ISF WSC Tennis	TBC	Bayamon	Puerto Rico	
ISF WSC Swimming	TBC	Vichy	France	
ISF WSC Orienteering	TBC	Belgrade	Serbia	
ISF WSC Beach Volleyball	TBC	TBD	Israel	
ISF WSC Dance	TBC	Beijing	China	
Combat Games	TBC	Baku	Azerbaijan	
ISF WSC Flying Disc	TBC	( ... )	( ... )	
Inclusive Games	TBC	( ... )	( ... )	
ISF WSC Basketball	TBC	( ... )	( ... )	
ISF WSC Football	TBC	( ... )	( ... )	
ISF WSC Triathlon	TBC	( ... )	( ... )	
ISF WSC Climbing	TBC	( ... )	( ... )	



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