



"We are school sport"

# ISF Magazine

#17 | March - June | 2018



**Member Country  
Honoured**

p.11 - 12



# New Zealand

**Inside ISF**

African School Sport Forum

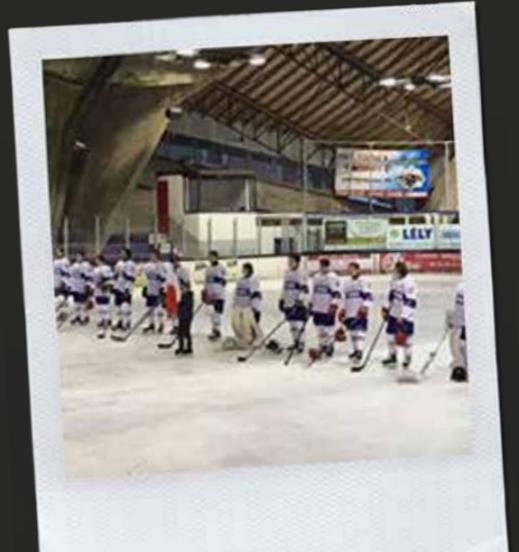
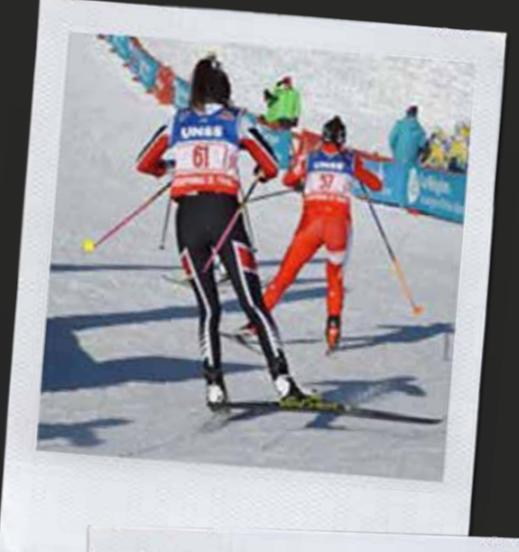
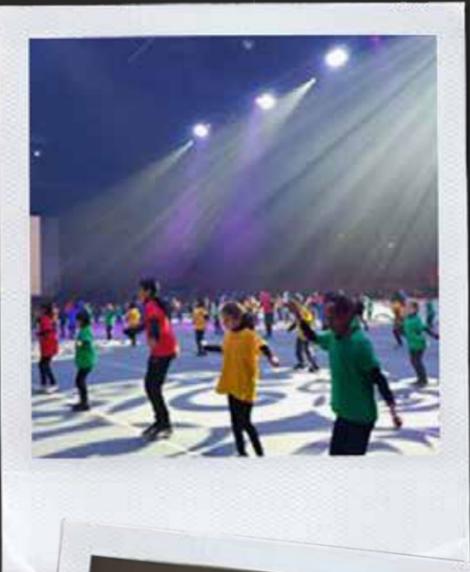
p.10

**ISF & Youth**

Fun and Skills Infusion into the World  
of School Sport

p.13







10



11



13



15

Follow us on  

## # 17 | **March - June** 2018

- 2 | ISF in Motion
- 5 | "Rendez-Vous" with the President
- 6 | World of school sport
- 7 |
- 8 | Food for thought
- 9 | Facts and figures
- 10 | **Inside ISF**  
**African School Sport Forum**
- 11 | **Member country honoured**  
**New Zealand**
- 13 | **ISF & Youth: Youth Council**  
**Fun and Skills Infusion into the World of School Sport**
- 14 | **Kinder+Sport**
- 15 | **Interview**  
**Matteo Morandi**
- 16 | **Miscellaneous**  
**World Health Day**
- 17 | **Agenda**
- 18 | **Official Calendar**

# "Rendez-Vous" WITH THE PRESIDENT

Let us pause and look back for a moment, to see recall what You made possible, with your involvement, your contribution, and tireless efforts, and as a result, witness the remarkable development of the ISF. Not only in terms of size, but also in terms of participation and educational development through school sport. We have welcomed new members, and organisers have engaged in a commitment to ensuring the value of education through sport is realised. In a month from now, we will experience the very first Gymnasiade on the African continent (page 10). We are grateful to have had heard from one of the Gymnasiade's former athletes, Matteo Morandi, who delivered a very inspiring interview (page 15)

We are going to continue these amazing efforts into the future, to open up opportunities of support and development to even more countries, growing the ISF community of nations and cultures. One of the millennial members, New Zealand, which joined the ISF Family in 2001, is being honoured (pages 11-12). The more members, the broader the support for school sport. A very good example is the upcoming Gymnasiade in Marrakesh with the participation of dozens of African countries This premier event enhances the seal of long-term corporation.

Included in this issue we also have an insight of what happened at the ISF African School Sport Forum.

As the World Health Day is coming up, we also dedicate a part of the magazine to this event to highlight the important link between school sport and health.

Keep spreading the vision of school sport

**Laurent Petrynka**



# World of School Sport

## V2S - Volunteering in School Sport



<http://www.isfsports.org/towards-more-opportunities-youth-school-sport>

On January 9-10, one year after the launch of the "Volunteering in School Sport" (V2S) project, all partners ran an evaluation meeting at the House of Sport in Brussels to officially close the project. The project was brought to life to promote the participation of youth in school sports. The 24 young volunteers, coming from 6 different European countries (Croatia, Hungary, France, Latvia, Malta and

Turkey), gained amazing experience on both a national and an international level and a special "Handbooklet" is on the way. This will be created to help develop volunteering programmes in the world of school sport. In addition, the ISF also encourages new initiatives by offering financial support to its members on specific educational programmes in 2018.

## La Lycéenne (she runs)



On 7th and 14th of March, 5000 young girls from 15 to 18 years old gathered for the second edition of 'La Lycéenne MAIF Run'. In 5 major cities in France, (Lyon, Besançon, Caen, Bordeaux and Paris), the event took place. Organised by l'Union Nationale du Sport Scolaire (UNSS) in partnership with MAIF, this event was an unforgettable experience for all participants and even more for women in

sport. The goal has been to raise awareness of the benefits of regular physical activity during a day filled with many activities, including the long race. Estelle Mossely, Olympic boxing champion at the Rio Games and with Alison Pineau, world handball champion in 2017 were also present along with Lissandro Cuxi, winner of «The voice 2017», who ended the event in style.

<http://unss.org/blog/marie-ange-daffis-la-lyceenne-maif-run-2018-sera-force-de-partage-dun-grand-moment-sportif-entre-filles/>

<http://unss.org/blog/cp-2eme-edition-de-la-lyceenne-maif-run-2018/>

## School Sport and Olympic Movement (Croatia)



For the seventh year, the competition 'School Sport and Olympic Movement' will take place. It is organised by the Croatian School Sport Association (HŠSS) in partnership with the Croatian Olympic Academy (HOA) and will take place from the 8th of March until the 19th of May under the name 'Fairplay'. HŠSS and HOA organise a competition for the selection of the best fair play video on the basis of the rules established by the Agreement on Mutual Cooperation in the Implementation of the Contest. There will be two categories: one for elementary schools and one for high schools. The videos will be of short duration; 10 to 30 seconds, and in each category the first three will be awarded with prize money. The works will be shown at the end of the State Championships and published on the web pages of HŠSS and COO. The best works will also be broadcast on Sport Television (SPTV) and will get an article in the magazine of the Olympic Committee.

<http://skolski-sport.hr/index.php/projekti/skolski-sport-i-olimpijski-pokret/>

## New Agreement Between ISF and Confejes

On December 5th, 2018, the ISF and CONFES (Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports of the Francophonie) signed a partnership agreement in Rabat, Morocco. The convention has been signed between the Secretary General of CONFES, Mr Bouramah Ali Harouna, and the ISF President, Mr Laurent Petrynka, in the presence of the Ministers of Education from Burundi, Benin, Senegal and the Republic of Congo. This partnership includes the following strategic actions, which are directly linked to the implementation of the ISF Vision 2030: Mobilise Government members of the Francophone network in Africa to strengthen school sport development, foster the gathering of the world of education and sport to develop sport in schools and through schools, facilitate the participation of young athletes from African countries to compete in the School Summer Games and promote the participation of African countries in the ISF network and the next ISF General Assembly.



<http://www.isfsports.org/new-agreement-between-isf-and-confejes>

## Corta-Mato Nacional Escolar de 2018 (Portugal)



<http://desportoescolar.dge.mec.pt/noticias/mil-e-cem-atletas-participaram-no-corta-mato-nacional>

Over 1000 young athletes participated in the 2018 National School Cross Country. This year's event took place on 23rd and 24th of February at the Acoteias Circuit in Albufeira. Athletes from all over the country participated in the event, including the Autonomous Regions of the Azores and Madeira. Students with Special Educational Needs were this year, attending for the third time, well repre-

sented. There are three phases, starting at school's level, then regional level, both leading up to the national level, which was in Albufeira. Over 230.000 young students took part in all these phases since the start of the competition. The event was organized by the Directorate-General for Education – School Sports Division and the Directorate-General of School Institutions. Important partners

were the Portuguese Athletics Federation, the University Sports Academic Federation, and the Town Hall of Albufeira. Honoured attendants were the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports, João Paulo Rebelo, and the Director General of Education, José Vítor Pedrosa. Thanks to everyone involved, the event was a great success celebrating the importance of school sport.

# Winning isn't everything

but wanting to win is.

*Vince Lombardi (athlete)*



## Gymnasiade Marrakesh

The **Gymnasiade** will take place from the **2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2018**

**46 participating countries**

Over **2600 young athletes** participating

**1st Gymnasiade** hosted on the **African continent**

**16 different sports**

Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Chess, Cycling, Fencing, Gymnastics (Artistic, Rhythmic, Aerobic), Golf, Judo, Karate, Pétanque, Surfing, Taekwondo, Tennis, Swimming, Wrestling

**Dozens of countries** are supported by the ISF to stimulate development and **gender equality** in athlete representation.

## Inside ISF African School Sport Forum



Back in 2016, after the attribution of the city of Marrakesh to host the Gymnasiade - School Summer Games 2018, the ISF and representatives of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Youth and Sport desired to set up an event which could gather the African states to discuss together the development and the coordination of school sport in Africa. One year and a half later, Morocco succeeded to host the first high level African school sport seminar: The African School Sport Forum, which theme was «School Sport: An Essential Lever for the Development of African Sport». More than 200 people, from 38 countries, including 31 African countries, gathered together for the event.

The ISF has always expressed its will to cooperate further with African states to reinforce the global school sport movement as the number of African members is still fairly limited compared to the other continents. The ISF has stood for Education through Sport everywhere in the world and aims at realising this by having as many countries participating in school sports as possible. The forum was a catalyst to mobilise African countries

to their participation in the Gymnasiade 2018 - School Summer Games which will take place for the first time in Africa (Marrakesh, 2nd – 9th of May) but also to seal long-term cooperation to keep as many African countries as possible involved in school sports.

The Forum had the following purpose:

- 1. The development of a clear vision on the priorities for the promotion of school sport in Africa;**
- 2. The creation of opportunities to reinforce the cooperation between African states in order to develop school sport.**
- 3. The Mobilisation of the African States for their participation to the 1st ISF Gymnasiade – School Summer Games from the 2nd to the 9th of May 2018.**
- 4. To establish or strengthen a solid relationship between the ISF and any participating African country.**

High Level speakers from UNESCO, World Sport Alliance and the IOC, as well as Olym-

pic and World Champions joined the event, either physically or through video support, to present the role that school sport, and sport in school in general, play in youth development and therefore on society, globally.

During the 2 days of the forum each school sport representative had the opportunity to present their national and regional school sport activities and events. One of the goals was reached as each participant now has more background to build on future cooperation in Africa and broaden the world of school sport.



## A member country honoured New Zealand “Ahead of the game!”



With more than 150,000 students pulling on a school jersey to represent their school in competitive sport in 2017, secondary schools in New Zealand are the primary setting for sport, particularly team sport, for 13 -18 year olds. This represents 54% of all students – one of the largest school sport representation rates in the world!



New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council (NZSSSC) annual census figures also show that more than 9,000 teachers provided sporting leadership by way of coaching or managing school teams, supported by an equal number of parents and other members of the community.

NZSSSC was formed in 1992 to provide governance and leadership for secondary school sport and is headed by a board of principals elected on a regional basis. As the national body for school sport, NZSSSC is supported by a network of 20 Regional School Sport offices that provide event programmes and school sport development throughout the country.



**Key areas of NZSSSC work include;**

Working with National Sports Organisations to co-ordinate and sanction a programme of National Secondary School Championships so that both schools and sports have their needs best met. In 2018 this programme comprises 228 events across more than 50 sports.

<http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/>

Providing Professional Learning opportunities through annual conferences for more than 400 school sport personnel.

Delivering the New Zealand Teachers Games – an annual sports tournament for teachers with the aim of “Re-engaging teachers in the Joy and Value of Sport”.

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/nztg>

Implementing the Sport in Education initiative in schools – an approach to using sport as a tool to engage students in their learning, their community and sport. The SiE approach has proven hugely successful in improving academic outcomes and engagement with school and in reducing negative social outcomes.

Using a system of School Sport Awards, including an international travel award, to recognise and reward a range of service, innovation, leadership and achievements in NZ school sport.

Conducting an annual census of all NZ Secondary Schools and collating the data to inform planning and change when advocating for secondary school sport with government agencies and sporting bodies in the school sport experience for students.

<http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/school-sport-data/nzsssc-census-reports>



While Netball (29,000 students) and Rugby (27,000) have long held the top spots for numbers representing their school, Basketball (26,000), which has experienced more than 25% growth over the last 5 years and Football (24,000) are closing the gap. With the current student choices trending towards small sided sports, less formal competition structures and the ability to “have fun playing with my friends”, a number of new sports, led by Futsal (7,000) with a more than 120% 5 year growth rate are also making a big impact.

Being at the bottom of the Pacific, the difference in both seasons and school years between hemispheres (NZ school year is

February to December), along with distance and cost of travel can prove a barrier to New Zealand participating in ISF Championship events. However, the quality of the ISF experience has seen New Zealand teams compete at ISF Tennis, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Orienteering and Cross Country Championships in recent years.

Sport is a big part of the New Zealand’s cultural fabric and with secondary school sport representation at such a high level, school sport plays an important part in developing our young people to make a positive contribution to the physical, mental and social health of their communities and New Zealand.



**ISF & Youth: Youth Council**

**Fun and Skills Infusion into the World of School Sport**



In 2018, the International School Sport Federation (ISF) came on board with the “Fun & Skills” project, a pilot project initiated by the Youth Council of ISF to develop the educational side of the ISF events in the years to come! The last meeting of the ISF Youth Council in Olbia (Italy), during the ISF Seminar, proved to be fruitful and led to great opportunities for young people willing to get involved in school sport.

Therefore, the “Fun & Skills” project was developed to raise awareness on the impor-

tance of conscious lifestyle among young school sport participants based on peer to peer training and fun, inclusive games. The aim of the project is to motivate, train, and involve volunteers to improve educational aspects of ISF events.

The project consists of three phases. The first one will be the “Fun & Skills” young volunteers training, which will take place over three days, during the World Schools Championship of Cross-Country in Paris, France. The aim of this training is to gain knowledge, skills and attitudes to put into



practice during ISF events.

18 young people from 14 different countries, all between 17 and 22 years old, will take part in the project. The represented countries are: Greece, Spain, Serbia, France, Hungary, Portugal, Qatar, Turkey, Chile, Croatia, Armenia, Malta, Pakistan and Latvia.

The second phase is the ‘Fun & Skills’ zones (2018). The young volunteers will run activities in parallel to the competitions on ISF events, starting with the Gymnasiade in Marrakesh 2018, to raise awareness on healthy lifestyle and sustainable sport, through peer to peer learning.

Last but not least, during the period 2018-2020, evaluation & dissemination (phase three) will take place creating innovative proposals to foster the participation of young people and keep improving for future ISF events.





*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.**

## Interview

### Matteo Morandi



**What made you choose gymnastics when you were younger? Were you inspired by something or someone?**

*I began to practice Artistic Gymnastics when I was 5 years old. My two older brothers were already practicing it: it was, for me, a natural choice to follow them.*

**Going back in time, you participated in the Shanghai Gymnasiade in 1998. What do you remember of that event and have you taken anything out of the event that helped you during the rest of your career?**

*Already 20 years have passed since that edition of the Gymnasiade. I remember it as a unique and exciting experience. Social media did not exist back then: competitions were the only way to get to know your opponents and their level. Shanghai was for me the first occasion in which I could measure myself with the rest of the world, and...it went well! It definitely helped me being aware of my true value and it stimulated me to give my best in the following years.*

**Is gymnastics a sport you have to start with at a very young age to be able to stand out? Does that make it a sport that should get generous attention in school sport? Why yes or no?**

*Artistic Gymnastics requires mobility, strength, coordination and a good dose of recklessness in order to perform all those airborne tricks. If these features are developed*

*since the very young age, it definitely represents an advantage. I always believed that Gymnastics is the basis for all sports, thanks to the complete set of skills that it provides. Practicing Gymnastics since primary school is thus very important for the motor and proprioceptive development of kids.*

**Over the years, you have won many different medals. Is there one that stands out or means the most to you, and why?**

*Definitely the Olympic Bronze in London! It was my third Olympic Games and I knew that, because of my age, it was my last opportunity to win a medal. In the previous 10 years, thanks to the support of the Aeronautica Militare Sport Group, I took a long path that led me to win 4 World Medals and 4 European medals. We knew that the most important medal was missing, but eventually it came. That medal also represented my way to thank Aeronautica Militare, that always believed in my potential and gave me the possibility to pursue my Olympic Dream.*

**Is there anything you have learnt during your years as a professional**

**sportsman that will benefit you for the rest of your life? If yes, what?**

*Passion, sacrifice, respect, dedication: these are words that filled the days during my sport career. Today, as a coach, I have the goal to pass by these values to the youth.*

**I read that you have a daughter. If she wants to become a high-performance athlete and she has talent, would you stimulate her or not, and why?**

*I have two daughters: they are 6 and 3 years old. The eldest began practicing Gymnastics and she's enthusiastic about it. My role, in this case, is just to be her parent: if she will decide to continue and try practicing Gymnastics at a high level, I'd be happy about it and I'd encourage her.*

**What advice can you give to young athletes who participate in school sport?**

*Practice Sport! Find a discipline that stirs you up, carry on with it, whatever the final result is. True satisfactions are not medals or trophies, but the feeling of giving it your best effort, overcoming your limits.*





## 2020

Basketball 3x3	(.....)	Rajnandgaon	India
Handball	(.....)	Belgrade	Serbia
Futsal	(.....)	Lyon	France
Volleyball	(.....)	Foz do Iguaçu	Brazil
Badminton	(April)	Olympia	Greece
Cross-Country	(October)	Šamorín – Čilisto	Slovakia
Summer Gymnasiade	17.10-24.10	Jinjiang	China
Table Tennis	17.10-24.10	Jinjiang	China

## 2022

Summer Gymnasiade	(.....)(.....)(.....)	(.....)	(.....)
-------------------	-----------------------	---------	---------

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



"We are school sport"



## Follow us on our social networks

 ISF (International School Sport Federation)

 @ISFsports

 @ISFsports

 International School Sport Federation

 ISF - International School Sport Federation

[www.isfsports.org](http://www.isfsports.org)

ISF Magazine