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Another civil year comes to an end; it is usual to look back on the year that has just passed by. We can all agree that 2016 has been an exceptional year, we welcomed 5 new member countries, among which Madagascar is introduced page 10. New statutes, more adapted to the situation of an international federation, are now enforced. A unanimous approval from all the ISF members of the VISION2030 gives us the wings to fly higher and accurate our projects in 2017. Also, we have been gaining more visibility with a record on social networks, as a matter of fact 1 billion people have been reached through press, radio TV during the Euro School Foot. The efforts made paid off and we are proud of the countries who have been trusting the potential of ISF. We have given more possibilities for the continent to develop their project, ISF was granted an Erasmus+ project which is detailed further in this issue. We have given to youngsters more responsibility through volunteering in sport events, our young ambassador contests and the creation of the Youth Council. The Youth council will be an important stepping-stone for the future of ISF. So it is for youngsters who started their professional career at the ISF. Just like Ekaterini Stefanidi (Gold medalist of pole vault at Rio2016) who honorably accepted to share with us her feedbacks and how she experienced her debut at Gymnasiade 2006. We want to do more for the youngsters and 2017 will give even more room for them through different contests and projects. In the meantime, you can consult our calendar for next year and the countries participating, I am sure, we are going to reach a new record with livestreaming available at all World Schools Championships. Before meeting up with you at diverse occasions, I wish you all my best greetings for the end of this year.
UNSS is organising a flashmob to win tickets to attend the national final of Handball. This contest is only dedicated to school sports association in link with their PE teachers.

Thanks to the fruitful cooperation between Poli-Farbe Chemicals Ltd., the Hungarian Olympic Committee and Hungarian School Sport Federation three school’s gymnasium were renewed from more than two million Hungarian forints for the beginning of this school year. In the frame of “Our School’s Champion” program the renewed sport facilities have been named after prominent Olympic athletes, who themselves were once students of the institutions.

From 2016 Vörösmarty Mihály High School’s sport hall in Budapest will bear the name of the Olympic silver and bronze medalist, European and World champion swimmer László Cseh. The Csik Ferenc Elementary and High School’s gymnasium in Budapest was named after Olympic champion swimmer Éva Risztov and in Devecser Gárdonyi Géza Primary school’s sports hall is named after a town native, shot put Olympic athlete József Darányi who represented Hungary in the 1932 and 1936 Summer Olympics.

A day dedicated to a theoretical and practical clinic for football young referees. The next one is schedule in February 2017.

School sport Serbia is now active on Instagram. Follow them @skolskisportsrbije

Amongst 32 country, Algeria took part in Football Danone Cup. A chance for 12 young Algerian players given and rewarded by the Algerian School Sport Federation.

A range of workshops are being proceeded based on different topics and sport practices to launch new projects within Portuguese schools.

An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head.

Emil Zatopek
The European Union has identified Education, Training and Employment as priorities in its agenda. Project ideas targeting young people to inject sustainable changes are therefore encouraged, tackling issues such as youth unemployment and social exclusion among others.

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Madagascar

Madagascar is a 587,000 km² located in the Indian Ocean, 400km away from the African coastline. It has a population of about 20,660,000, 55% of which in school age (3 to 20 years old). The country is divided into:

- 22 regions
- 166 districts
- 1,548 Communes
- 16,968 Quartiers

The Government of Madagascar respects the UN General Assembly resolution titled "Sport as a Means to Promote Education, Health, Development and Peace".

Every year, the Ministerial Department in charge of Education organises sport championships (athletics, football, handball, basketball and volleyball) for different age categories: 12-14yo (Benjamins), 14-16yo (Minimes), 16-18yo (Cadets), 18-20yo (Juniors).

In this framework, the Fédération Omnisport Scolaire de Madagascar (FOSM, Madagascar School Sport Federation) was founded keeping in mind the beneficial effects that school sport can have on youth. The FOSM is well adapted to international standards as well as to the needs of the Malagasy population.

The Federation, at the present day, is presided by Mr. Njaka Tsirifo Rasoloarison, assisted by Secretary General Mr. Jean Claude, by an administrative and financial officer and other counselling members.

At the moment, School Sport in Madagascar needs to face the following challenges:

- the update of school textbooks
- the writing of new statutes
- the renewal of the National Policy on School Sport
- the choice and update of sport disciplines
- the creation of a cooperation with National Sport Federations
- the restructuring of the organisation of competitions between sport associations
- improving average performances and results

All the challenges mentioned above will need to be addressed in order to give School Sport a more prominent role within the Malagasy sport movement, which is nowadays mainly centred on Sport clubs and non-school athletes.

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.
The objective of the Youth Council is giving more room to a younger representation within the decision-making process. This results from the will of the ISF members to strive for more inclusion. A need that the Youth Council has the task to fill. They will focus on all policy areas led by the executive member Henri Ausmaa (EST).

The chair of the youth council will sit in the Executive Committee and will work in close collaboration with the Education Committee, led by the executive member Hemi Aumaa (EST). The next executive Committee will evaluate the candidates with the opinion of an external auditor, expert in the Youth and Education field, Nevena Vukasinovic, Secretary General at ENGSO Youth and by the beginning of 2017, the Youth Council shall be fully operational.

To follow the youth council #ISFYouthcouncil and exchange any suggestions or thought with them at youthcouncil@isfsports.org

A call for application ended end of September to select the next Chair, Vice-Chair and 7 members for the new ISF Youth Council. The search for appropriate candidates has begun and we appealed to all members of the International School Sport Federation to encourage and support young people (gender balance and aged by 18 up to 35 years old).

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In the eye of the young generation
ISF Youth Council

INTERVIEW WITH AN OLYMPIC CHAMPION

Hello Katerina, first of all we would like to congratulate you for the amazing results you achieved this season: European Champion in Amsterdam and Gold Medal at the Olympic Games in Rio! Can you describe to us this incredible season and the emotions you experienced throughout your successes?

This season has been one for the books. I made many big changes including moving to a different city and training with my husband as a coach. We focused on very different things than I had the last few years and it seems to have been the right decision. Coming in to the indoor season we knew I was ready for a big jump that came at the right time just before Indoor World Championships. I started the outdoor season a little more confident and with more trust to the training and technique work and I think that mattered the most. I did not change anything from the indoor to the outdoor season but I was jumping consistently higher. It has been an unbelievable season with a lot of stress leading up to big championships and a lot of happiness and relief afterwards. However, now, almost two months after the Olympics I realise that none of the success I had this summer will change anything we do in our daily life or the decisions we will make in terms of training and competing for next year.

Going back to your early career, one of your first important international achievements was the gold medal at the Gymnasiade 2006 in your own country, Greece. What do you remember of that event?

I remember the conditions were very difficult over the world. I remember the conditions were very difficult with a lot of wind and cold and the height did not go very high. But I was likely able to come out with the win and one my best friends at the time also won her event (hammer throw). I remember the atmosphere in the hotel being a lot of fun with young athletes from all over the world.

What are, in your opinion, the values that school sport can transmit to young athletes?

The Greek Philosopher Thales said “εὔπορος, τὴν δὲ φύσιν εὐπαίδευτος”, He believed that a happy man was one who was “healthy in body, resourceful in soul and of a readily teachable nature”. There is a great connection between the functioning of the body and the mind that was first talked about by the ancient Greeks and science has recently started to find evidence to prove this connection. School sports support the importance of uniting the body together with the mind. Additionally, through school sports, young athletes can learn leadership, teamwork, respect and goal setting, all of which are invaluable life lessons that will help them no matter on whether they decide to continue as professional athletes or not.

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

I believe that school sports are a great way for young athletes to try many different sports and find out what they love and what they are good at. However, I think that it is quite important to start specialising in one sport (and many times one event) from a young age. I believe that part of my success is the fact that I have pole vaulted since I was 10 years old. Athletes begin to develop habits that are very difficult to change after teenagerhood so I encourage young athletes to start specialising in a sport young and try to make the changes their coaches are asking them early, because the older you get the harder it is to change what your body has gotten used to doing.
Registration of countries to ISF Events 2017

Here is a glimpse of the countries which registered per event:

**Tennis (14)**
Chinese Taipei, Chile, Italy, Australia, Scotland, New Zealand, Germany, Belgium FL, China PR, England, France, Turkey, Belgium DG, Brazil, Belgium FC.

**Basketball (30)**
Chinese Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Ireland, Chile, Slovakia, Latvia, Serbia, Luxembourg, Greece, Germany, Croatia, Hungary, Netherlands, Finland, China PR, Kosovo, England, Bulgaria, France, Turkey, Estonia, Austria, Slovenia, Cyprus, Israel, Brazil, Belgium FC, Czech Republic, Denmark, Georgia.

**Euro Badminton (11)**
Slovakia, Latvia, Germany, Bulgaria, France, Turkey, Cyprus, Sweden, Georgia, Italy, Croatia.

**Educational Games (9)**
Slovakia, China PR, England, Bulgaria, Estonia, Cyprus, Brazil, Georgia, Italy.

**Football (25)**
Armenia, Chinese Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Chile, Slovakia, Guatemala, Luxembourg, Greece, New Zealand, Germany, Croatia, Hungary, Finland, China PR, England, Bulgaria, France, Turkey, Austria, Slovenia, Brazil, Belgium FC, Czech Republic, Qatar.

**Athletics (24)**
Chinese Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Chile, Slovakia, Latvia, Italy, Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium FL, Croatia, China PR, England, Spain, Bulgaria, France, Turkey, Estonia, Austria, Morocco, Cyprus, Israel, Brazil, Belgium FC, Czech Republic.

**Swimming (14)**
Chinese Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Slovakia, Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium FL, Hungary, China PR, England, Turkey, Israel, Brazil, Croatia, Morocco.

**Beach Volleyball (14)**
China, Brazil, Guatemala, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Georgia.

**Combat Games (6)**
China, Brazil, Australia, Germany, Brazil, France, Turkey, Estonia, Austria, Morocco, Cyprus, Israel, Brazil, Belgium FC, Czech Republic.

**Orienteering (21)**
Slovakia, Latvia, Italy, Serbia, Belgium FL, New Zealand, Belgium FC, Hungary, China PR, England, Spain, France, Turkey, Estonia, Poland, Austria, Slovenia, Belgium DG, Israel, Sweden, Czech Republic.

**Triathlon (9)**
Chinese Taipei, Chile, Guatemala, Germany, China PR, England, France, Brazil, Hungary.
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