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Young Volunteers

A member country honoured
China and Colombia

ISF and Youth
Young Sports Ambassadors
Dear friends,

Currently in the world, we are facing issues related to peace, to education and to sport which are so essential that it is our duty to propose an ambitious vision for our young people. Before introducing the conclusions of VISION2030 at the General Assembly next month, allow me to have a closer look at ISF new major achievements.

ISF bases its principles on three strengths: Peace, our Organising Committees kept their promises and successfully promoted April 6, the White Card and the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace with various projects.

Education through sport is our motto and ISF has launched a campaign to recruit our young ambassadors for each sport concerned. Those new ambassadors have the opportunity to act beyond the sporting aspects, and be the voice of their generation. Besides, the ISF young volunteers programme has been strengthened, and I invite you to read in this issue to what extent can our youngsters be involved in our championships. They are very talented and impressive.

Sport, I am delighted that ISF is collaborating on a regular basis with international sports federations. We have had our first ISF participation in a FISU Event. The visit of the President of IHF in ISF WSC Handball 2016 was very meaningful. The involvement of Badminton World Federation at the ISF WSC Badminton 2016 in Malta was a success and we are willing to find new opportunities to reinforce our work in the future. You can read more about BWF in this issue as well.

In ISF, everyone can be part of the adventure from all the continents, therefore I introduce you one of our most reliable members, China and one our newest member, Colombia. For ISF, it is essential to know the school sport system of each of our members and I am proud of our capacity to adapt, being the strength of our federation, which allows ISF to tackle future challenges with confidence.

See you next month at the General Assembly.

Laurent Petrynka
6 students had the opportunity to meet with Nicolas Batum in Charlotte, USA and exchanged with him about tips in Basketball. Nicolas Batum is the UNSS Ambassador for the “Year of Sport” officially launched by the Ministry of Education in France.

In Guatemala, DIGEF organised the “RecreOlimpiadas” in the Southern Region in Villa Hermosa. The children performed different physical activities related to entertainment to improve psychomotricity.

Further to the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding with FISU last July, the ISF World Champions in Cross-Country, Orienteering and Triathlon would be invited to the respective FISU event, representing the International School Sport Federation. On Saturday, 12th March 2016, the Turkish Cross-Country athlete, Enis Korkmaz, accompanied by Ismail Guzeloglu, competed at the World University Championship in Casino, Italy.

After an excellent participation, ranking third in the overall table with 69 medals - 19 golds, 28 silvers and 22 bronzes in the Gymnasiade 2013, the qualifying phases to select the Brazilian delegation of students aged from 14 to 18 years will take place from 8th to 15th May in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais.

On 22nd March, the Slovak School Sport Association launched their national Futsal tournament!

Our delegate and special guest, Pervin Asvar (ISF TC member Orienteering), reported that a total of 130 athletes coming from 19 countries participated in the WUC2016.

In Croatia, the Zagreb School Sport Federation organised the finals of Chess in the girls category for elementary schools. There were 11 schools gathering 53 girls. The best schools won the opportunity to participate in the National School Championship in Chess. Chess is very popular sport among girls in Croatian elementary schools. There are lots of girls playing Chess together with boys.

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In the World Schools Championships, the system is similar. Players are warming up, trainers setting up strategies, whilst volunteers are working to offer the best services to the participants.

However, our volunteers have two common characteristics with the players. They are young and passionate. The ISF advocates among the Organising Committees to include as many young volunteers as possible.

In 2016, the first two World Schools Championships, namely Ski and Handball, were partly managed by talented youngsters. Young volunteers have great responsibilities, they are everywhere, within the media commission, hospitality commission, technical commission.

Many aspects of the championships are covered by young volunteers. In Rouen, local schools had been involved since the attribution of the championship. 40 young photographers were in charge of taking pictures, selecting them and sharing them with the young journalists in charge of the daily magazine. They were also responsible for interviewing, translating, making up short movies. Their work is supervised by PE teachers, who give some tips, but step back to leave them learn, experience and make the best out of it.

Motivated by “Education through Sport”, the ISF encourages to have youngsters included all along the organisation of the Championship from the beginning such as the show of the Opening Ceremony up to the Closing Ceremony with the podium and trophies made by a school specialized in carpentry.

This logo was made by a school with a special section in arts.

Many other aspects are covered by the youngsters such as the cultural day, in which students share the heritage, culture of the hosting city.

The matches were led by young referees. In the ISF we believe that youngsters are leaders, and the more opportunities they will have, the greater leaders they will be.

When a singer performs on stage, all the lights are on the singer, however there are hundreds of people concentrating in a specific task to have the show makes headlines.

These fan-pages cover the sports from the ISF World Schools Championships organised, including a general fan page ISF (International School Sport Federation). Each fan page has hundreds to thousands of likes and it is still increasing. The easiest way to find out these fan pages is typing ISF WSC name of the sport.
Nora Perry and Xu Huaiwen

On the occasion of the 10th World Schools Championship Badminton 2016 in Malta, the local organising committee and the ISF were delighted to implement the content of the MoU with BWF (Badminton World Federation).

All England Championships, the Swedish Open and the Portugal International with 8 titles each, and the Canadian Open with 7 titles.

Best tournament: my first “all England” and my first World Championship

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Who was your role model? I have the greatest respect for Sue Whitnall. Especially her anticipation skills I learnt that from her.

What is your motto? You learn more by your losses, than you do by your wins!

How did you start to play badminton? Badminton entered into my life when I was 13 years old. As a tennis player, I could not practice outdoor in the winter season, so I was introduced to Badminton in an indoor hall and ever since I have kept up with Badminton. Then everything went very fast. I competed in the category “Under 15” but I had not much practice, however I won the national championship when I was 16 and 17 in the category “Under 16”.

What is the particularity of Badminton? It is a sport which fosters gender equality in Olympics Games, there are as many women as men in terms of places. There are very few sports that encourage mixed games and you can learn so much from that, it is very inspiring.

Considering that it was your first ISF World Schools Championship Badminton, what is your opinion so far? I think it is fantastic to encourage and reward the school sport practice at an international level. I believe that school sport and education are essential bases for future athletes. I would suggest to focus on improving the school system in countries lacking structure. I think first, to have a stronger and bigger base. Then, as strong supporter of shuttle times, I definitely support the program which aims to improve the level of school teachers and get them into this sport. That the key for me.

As ambassador, what did you learn from your exchanges with the ISF players? I feel like the coaches and athletes are much more relax, having fun and taking time to exchange with each other. It is not only about a stranger who is your opponent but your friend.

As a coach, has your perception on badminton changed than when you were an athlete? Yes definitely, it is a huge difference, as an athlete my goal was to win all the matches, now as a coach, I want them to enjoy more and think more about how they could improve their tactic and not focus on the results.

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President: Mr. HAO Ping (Deputy Minister of Education)
Vice President & Secretary General: Mr. YANG Liguo
City: Beijing
Website: http://www.sports.edu.cn/

Functional
CSSF has affiliated with ISF since 1974 as the first Asian member. As an active member of ISF, CSSF has been registering teams for ISF events and hosting its events equally. In 2006, CSSF won the “Raymond De Fever Trophy”, attributed to those members who have made outstanding contribution for the development of international school sport.

National Championships
Each year, more than 40 school sport championships are held under the aegis of CSSF. Consequently, the ‘National School Games’ has become the most attractive and influential event with most school students involved.

Mission and Objective
CSSF aims to provide as many opportunities as possible for students from middle/high schools to get involved with sports activities, offering a variety of sports at different levels. In the meantime, CSSF emphasizes international exchange programs within middle/high school students through sports, every year, students are encouraged to go abroad to take part in international school sports events. Education through sport is the core mission for CSSF to convey to students. One of the objectives that CSSF has been set up for those students travel abroad is called “3 ones”, make one foreign friend, go to one local museum and visit one local higher institution. This “3 ones” will help students to learn from the local culture, tradition and history. It is making endeavor to promote the development of school sports and to improve the physical conditions of students by enriching the school life through sports.

Branding Event
CJBL-China Junior School Basketball League
CHBL-China High School Basketball League
CJFL-China Junior School Football League
CHFL-China High School Football League

Basic Facts of CSSF

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Supérate Intercolegiados is a National Sports Competition System that creates opportunities for children, adolescents and youth from 7 to 17 years old from school and out of school. It is developed through 24 sports including athletics and swimming dedicated to athletes with impairment. Chess is part of an integral program, meaning that all athletes with or without impairment compete in the same category and are on an equal basis.

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Facts and figure

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In the eye of the young generation
Young Sports Ambassadors

If you took part in an ISF Event, you would see how enthusiastic and excited the young athletes have been. The most important reason how ISF WSC draws thousands of students from 13 to 18 years old participating every year is not because of ‘must win’ competitions, it is all about what they experience and learn after meeting other sport lovers from all over the world.

Representing youth within the two first ISF WSCs 2016, the ISF Ambassadors of Handball and Ski will speak out the thought of young generation via a short but meaningful interview with Francesca Lee (the UK – ISF Ski Ambassador), Eris Ulgen (Turkey – ISF Ski Ambassador) and Edina Canic (Croatia – ISF Handball Ambassador).

From your point of view, what are the advantages of practicing sport?

Francesca: There are many benefits of sport, including ski racing such as meeting new people, learning new skills, improving fitness levels and most importantly having fun!

Eris: The most important advance of practicing sport is making yourself better in a sport in particular or even in the other stuffs that you do. I do know a quote, which explains the importance of practicing: What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger :)"

According to your personal path, what are the important values of sport?

Edina: In my opinion, sport plays a very important role for students in schools and in everyday life. So I would say there are 3 most important values of sport: team spirit, because handball teaches us how to work in team, socializing: thanks to sport we build friendships; and healthy life, as some said ‘in a healthy body, healthy mind’.

As a participant, what have you learned from the extra-curricular activity like ISF World Schools Championship?

Francesca: I have experienced what it’s like to go to a major international event and I’ve also learnt more about the different countries and different cultures. I met many new friends and we had a very good time together.

Eris: Except being a racer, in ISF World Schools Championship I’ve done lots of good things in the activities we had. For example, the most enjoyable activity was the culture night. In the culture night, we introduced our country and our culture very well with the foods, with the accessories we had with us or with the photographs belonging to Turkey. I really had fun in that activity.

As an ISF Ambassador, what is the message that you want to deliver to young people?

Francesca: I think the ISF WSC is an event for young people and by young people. We have chance to take part in sport, have fun and work hard, as well as to make lots of new friends along the way.

Edina: I just want to say stay focused on the things that you love. Never give up and always believe in yourself! If you believe, there’s nothing you can’t do.

Eris: Participating in the ISF WSC brings you good memories at first. With those people we have met, our trip was awesome. That race helped us to make a good experience too. I feel very lucky to being there. To the young generation I want to say if they can reach this opportunity, they have to use it!"

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 fourth ISF Event in April is the ISF 22nd World Schools Championship Cross-country 2016 in the historical city of Budapest, Hungary.

This will be the first time Hungary has hosted the ISF WSC Cross-country. As the concept of grassroots sport has been elaborated within the EU, this will be a perfect opportunity for more young students to partake in an international sporting environment. The organising committee has expressed its expectation that this WSC will get students involved more in new cultural opportunities, friendship among different countries with fond memory and experience.

Cross-country is a strategic and tough sport. Involving little equipment, this is an outdoor sport, suitable for all.

Athletes have to run long distances, 3.5 km for girls and 5.5 km for boys, on various surface such as grass or tarmac. On the third day out of the six-day event, 26 teams for boys and 26 teams for girls from 23 different countries will participate in the competition. As one of the athletics disciplines, students participating in the ISF WSC Cross-country 2016 will show their physical endurance, and strategic distribution of their strength for the long run.

This year, the WSC will be organised at Margaret Island, a beautiful island in the heart of the city Budapest, giving all participants an enjoyable race in a green environment. The Hungarian Organising Committee has been preparing the best in order to ensure that teams will have the best possible experience. In addition to the competition, as a tradition of all ISF events, delegations will join together in an “International Friendship Evening” on the third day. This will be a true celebration for youth, where students and other team members can dance, sing and have fun together. The fourth day they will discover the most famous beautiful corners of the city in “Cultural day – Geocaching” followed by a boat trip on the Danube. ISF WSC Cross-country promises to be a great event for all participants.

ISF World Schools Championship 2016 Cross Country

Gymnasiade Part 3

Introducing the infrastructures

When our young athletes are enthusiastically practicing to prepare for the 16th Gymnasiade, Turkish local organising committee together with the ISF revised the infrastructure under the strict requirements in order to be ready to welcome the most talented school sport participants next July 2016.

Twelve sports in total with the participation of 38 countries and 3000 athletes are about to hit the floor of the Turkish beautiful city – Trabzon. The biggest school sport event held every 4 years, the ISF together with the Turkish School Sports Federation, TOSF have been preparing meticulously to assure a successful championship with strict security measures.

There is a total of 9 different venues across the city. Athletics at Sisli Sultan Saatli stadium, Artistic Gymnastics at Yomra sport hall, Rhythmic Gymnastics and Aerobic Gymnastics at Hayri Gur sport hall, Swimming at Mehmet Akif Ersoy Indoor Swimming pool, Archery at Ahmet Suat Ozyazici Football Stadium, Chess at KTU Hasan Polatkan Sport hall, Fencing at KTU Fatih Campus Sport hall, Judo and Karate at Multi-Purpose Sport hall, Tennis at Besiri Tennis Outdoor Complex and Wrestling at 19 Mayis Sport hall.

Notably, the former swimming pool of the European Youth Olympic Festival 2011, Mehmet Akif Ersoy Indoor Swimming pool, will be used for this occasion. Recently built in 2010, the area of 14.960m² has great capacity of 1.448 seats. There are 2 different pools are ready to serve at the championship this year. The first pool is the main competition pool, split into 9 lanes. The other pool is dedicated for warm-up. The rooftop is movable and a side of the main pool has a direct view to the Black sea, promising enjoyable and enthusiastic competitions in an advantageous condition.
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- Beach Volleyball                          | 26.05-02.06   | Papeete           | French Polynesia |
- Triathlon                                 | (......)      | (......)          | Puerto Rico     |
- Combat Games                              | (......)      | Pune              | India           |
- Euro Schools Badminton                     | (......)      | Nice              | France          |
- 3rd Pan-American School Games             | (Oct-Nov-Dec) | (......)          | Brazil          |

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- Basketball 3 x 3                          | (May/June)    | Belgrade          | Serbia      |

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- Triathlon                                 | (......)      | (......)          | (..........) |
- Combat Games                              | (......)      | (......)          | (..........) |
- Beach Volleyball                          | (......)      | (......)          | (..........) |

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