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When we look back on the past, we sometimes better understand the challenges of the future. I have the honour to re-transcribe you the very first edito of the first ISF magazine published in 1983 that is speaking for itself and reflects exactly the DNA of the ISF. Let’s jump back in time to better respond to our future.

“Nowadays, there’s one word that’s present in every aspect of our life continuously. This word springs up on television and on the radio, we see it in newspapers, we hear it in our everyday conversation. The word “crisis” is omnipresent. It disturbs us and – finally – it starts irritating and bugged us. Economic crisis, political crisis, social crisis… a crisis is hectic period in one’s life, in society. It is a tense situation, the solution of which leads to a return to normal life.

What can we, the ISF, possibly do? How can we react? There’s a very practical and crucial task for the ISF in this world, consisting of various political and ideological regimes, of many different national and international organisations, of different races, of different religious and philosophical opinions.

The ISF has always defined itself as an organisation having the intention of dealing with youngsters; moreover, it has goals in the field of education as an international sports organisation.

Teaching youngsters how to behave in society has always been one of the ISF’s main goals. What does that amount to in the present situation?

I am convinced that it is vitally important today to protect youngsters from a certain kind of defeatism, from a lack of perspective and of confidence in the future.

I daresay that defeatism is even public and social enemy number one of ISF has always promoted total education: sports at school like a school for life. In its various activities, ISF stressed, activated and realised a sense of initiative and dedication, as sense of assistance and mutual understanding, tolerance and the welfare of fellow men.

In today’s situation it seems important to me to stimulate youngsters to be courageous, to take initiatives, and to be militant again. Being active in sports should activate the will to act.

I see a kind of trinity: Believing in the future (1), sustained by individual dedicated (2) as well as by collective engagement (3). The term “engagement” or “dedication” implies action. One can’t overlook that acting in itself is important, even if the aims are not clearly defined. There is even what we call “ethics of action”. Sports activities and – achievements require permanent effort and – dedication. Not everyone has the luck of winning. This may never be a reason to quit, to fighting. Concepts such as honesty, responsibility and solidarity, active participation and perseverance are crucial; they may even be more important than sports achievements. Having the right attitude is more important than winning. In this context, sports competition is considered to be a means of education."

Laurent Petrynka

“(...) Finally, I must add that I insist on expressing my belief in our future and in the future of ISF. This belief will be maintained and strengthened thanks to our individual and collective dedication within ISF. Long live ISF!”

A.Lams
World of School Sport
A century of school sport movement

Today I will do what others won’t, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can’t.

Jerry Rice
FACTS AND FIGURES

23 is the Number of General Assemblies conducted.

Athletics is the most numerous sport organised within the Athletic Cup since 1972 and Athletics in Gymnasiade since 1974.

Swimming is the technical commission with most female Technical Presidents (4)

6 sports were presented in the Calendar from 1972-1973 including Athletics, Basketball, Football, Handball, Skiing and Volleyball.

The first Gymnasiade was organised in Germany in 1974.

2 June 1972 is the date the ISF was created.

‘We are School Sport’ is the life motto of the ISF.

‘Education through Sport’ is the goal of the ISF.

Worldwide Continental representation started with China for Asia (1974); with Australia for Oceania (1986); with Tunisia & Algeria for Africa (1974) and with Chile for America (1994).

France is the country with the most numerous ISF events organised – a total of 38 (between 1972-2016)

12 is the number of MoUs that ISF has signed with international federations.

History of the ISF

Around the 1960’s international sporting contests between schools were on the increase. Besides occasional and haphazard meetings between two or more schools, tournaments were beginning to be organised regularly in different disciplines: in handball from 1963, in volleyball from 1969, in football from 1970 and from 1971 also in basketball. Each of these annual tournaments produced basic regulations and a standing committee.

The large number of international competitions requiring eliminating heats at a national level soon rose, with a desire to coordinate these events within a specific International Federation. To help promote this idea, the Federal Minister of Education and Arts of the Republic of Austria convened a Conference at Vienna/Raach in the autumn of 1971. Here the conditions were discussed for setting up a European School Sport Federation. After very lengthy debates, the project was approved.

However, bearing future development possibilities in mind, the Federation was not limited to European countries alone. A provisional Committee, the members of which were chosen from among the 22 nations present, was set and the meeting of the constituent General Assembly was fixed for 4 June 1972 at Beaufort, Luxembourg. This meeting adopted the Statutes and proceeded to elect the members of the Executive Committee.

The funding members: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.

The first management committee was composed of:
- President – Claude Pineau (FRA)
- Vice-President – Dr. Georges Ostestryck (BEL)
- Vice-President – Milojko Tubic (YOU)
- Secretary General – Othmar Manninger (AUS)
- Treasurer – Georges Lanners (LUX)

The Past achievements and future developments - The ISF, since its establishment, has been recognized by many national school authorities and international organisations, and has taken its place among international sport federations. It is a member of GAIFS, SportAccord and has been recognized by the International Olympic Committee since 1997. The ISF today is a worldwide federation covering five continents.

This development has been support by the following activities:
Comprehensive multi-lateral exchange of information clarifies viewpoint and identified common goals.

Another Symposium on sport marketing, which was organised in Brussels, Belgium in 1996. This seminar offered many suggestions and much organization assistance in order to procure necessary funding for school sport activities. A further symposium was planned in 1992 in Warnemünde, Germany with the objective of applying a strategic plan to the organization of the international agent of sport. In the year 1998, a symposium on the identification of the common points that would allow each country to develop. Entitled the 21st century: Portugal hosted a symposium in Funchal to identify the way ISF should go to university through message, relays and organisations. In 2004 the island of Sardinia, Italy, hosted the burning topic about "School Sport in relation to the Sports Federations and high level sport" and "School Sport – Communication and sponsoring".

More recently a symposium was organised in Doha, Qatar in 2015, entitled VISION2030, with the objective of reactivating a ‘dynamic of change’ which would correspond to the fast-growing needs of the 21st century.

VISION2030 can be summarised under six strategic headings which advocate that school sport should become:

1 - more ambitious
2 - more innovative
3 - more accessible
4 - more educational
5 - more worldwide
6 - more transparent

These six fundamental elements are based on the culture and history of ISF whilst incorporating new ideas. There are innovative and ambitious projects that will strike a chord with young people and involve them more completely.

Springing from these six objectives we have put forward definitive plans and six projects to act as beacons and become advanced bases for our development plans.

The first ISF world seminar, entitled INTER-SCHOOL, which was held at Bruges, Belgium in 1980, endeavoured to define the ISF philosophy. The objectives of the International School Sport Federation far exceeded organizational and administrative purposes. The major concern and responsibility of the ISF is education in and through sport.

The LASEL is a founding member of the International School Sport Federation and the ISF, the International School Sport Federation. These two federations were founded in Luxembourg: FISU in 1948 and the ISF in 1972.

In 2003 the LASEL organised the festivities of the 20th anniversary of the ISF in Luxembourg, Beaufort and regularly hosted meetings of the Management Committee.

In 2010 the Executive Committee of ISF awarded the « Raymond Defever Trophy » to the LASEL. This trophy is given annually, since 2003, to a member country of the ISF for recognising the long-term merits of development and elaboration of the sporting policy of the ISF, including educational, cultural and social exchanges among young people around the world. The organisation of four World Schools Championships, namely:

• Cross Country in 1975 and 1988,
• Swim Cup in 2001 and
• Badminton in 2004,

as well as regular participations to many ISF Championships in different sports and in different countries around the world, has certainly influenced the Executive Committee in its decision.

From the outset, in 1972, Luxembourg participated in the Basketball Championships in Athens, in Volleyball in Maarat in and in Football in Herentals. Since then, until 2017, the participation in the WCCS of ISF reached up to 157, including 15 Gymnasiasides.

The performances were moderate, but according to Cobertier: «The important thing is not winning but taking part.»

In addition to this constant participation in sports competitions of the ISF, the LASEL has been represented by delegates in the Executive Committee and in Technical Com-
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.
Evolution of sports and athletes

Athletics
Athletics was organised for the first time in 1973 in Greece for boys and in West Germany for Girls. The ISF has hosted the athletics events the most, and it has been hosted 24 times for the Athletic Cup and 16 times for the Gymnasiade.

Beach Volleyball
Beach Volleyball was organised for the first time in 2011 in Puerto Rico and this sport has a steady increasing participation and the next event in 2019, will be part of a cluster - Schools Winter Games.

Futsal
Futsal was organised for the first time in 2007 in Brazil. The event had not been organised for 5 years and in 2012 Turkey gave it another shot. This sport experienced the quickest rise in term of participation starting with 6 countries and now having 21 countries within only 4 championships.

Handball
Handball was organised for the first time in 1979 in Luxembourg only for boys. The first competition with both gender represented was organised 1978.

Ski
Ski (alpine and Nordic) was organised for the first time in 1973 in Austria till 2016. Next year, it will be enlarged as the Schools Winter Games in 2018 to add other winter sports.

Swimming
Swimming was organised for the first time in 1997 in Belgium. Today it is a sport which equally represented by girls and boys school teams. Swimming Competition was added to the ISF calendar to have an additional swimming championship, but with a different format as in the Gymnasiade.

Table Tennis
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Volleyball
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Gymnasiade
The Gymnasiade was organised for the first time in 1974 in Germany. It was organised on a 2-year cycle till 1990 and then shifted to a 4-year cycle until 2016 and reverted back to 2-year cycle. The number of sports has recently increased from 3 sports, in 2009 (Athletics, Gymnastics and Swimming) to 10 sports, at the last Gymnasiade in 2016 (Athletics, Archery, Chess, Fencing, Gymnastics, Judo, Karate, Swimming, Tennis, Wrestling).

From 1974 to the present, the ISF Gymnasiade has marked out several cities and generations of athletes. A great number of participants made their way to the Olympics within their historic sport of the Gymnasiade.

Athletics
Kevin Mayer (FR)
Daly 2016 - 2nd in Decathlon
Katerina Stefanidi (GR)
Olympics 2016 - 1st in Pole vault
Andrew Howe (IT)
2007 World Championships in Athletics - 2nd in long jump
Alessia Trost (IT)
2009 World Youth Championships in Athletics - 1st in High Jump

Gymnastics
Daniel Purvis (UK)
Olympics 2012 - 3rd in artistic
Flavia Lopes Saravia (BR)
2014 Youth Olympics - 1st in Floor
Claudia Fragapane (UK)
2015 World Championships - 3rd in Team

Swimming
Hugh Duboscq (FR)
Olympics 2004 and 2008 - 3rd in 100m breaststroke
Fred Bousquet (FR)
Olympics 2008 - 2nd in Medley

Arnauy Leveaux (FR)
Olympics 2012 - 1st in Medley

Kerr-Anne Payne (UK)
Olympics 2012 - 2nd in 10-kilometre open water
Interview
Davorin Nakic - FIBA
FIBA Europe referee Manager and FIBA instructor

Could you describe your work and duties at the ISF WSC Basketball 2017?

First of all, our job is to deliver the best officiating service during the games of the ISF World Schools Championship Basketball. FIBA Europe is managing a group of 61 referees who officiate all along the competition and we support the competition system. On behalf of FIBA Europe Referee Department, I can say that we are really proud to contribute to this event for the first time. Our other mission is to develop the skills of referees during the training we organised in parallel of the competition each day.

How does the training with the young referees go? What do you teach them exactly?

We have here different groups of referees. On the one hand, there are some very experienced referees seeking for improving their level and on the other hand, there is a majority of young referees who need a lot of new knowledge such as mechanics or officiating criteria. It is not an easy task since we have to manage both groups at the same time and to deliver the best training as possible for them. But to sum up, our main objective of course, is to improve their level of officiating during these 7 days of competition.

Could you describe your routine with the referees?

Since the referees officiate during the games from the early morning, we organise at the end each day, a debrief/training session with the 6 FIBA instructors. We exchange and comment the videos of their games and we analyse gestures in details in order to improve their skills every day.

What is the added-value for having 3 persons officiating on the court during the competition?

We agreed with ISF that we can ensure a better quality of the games and deliver a better service and we feel that players are more satisfied with this too. I would like to stress on one thing, we have the most important number of female referees during this competition and I’m really happy that female referees from ‘smaller’ Basketball countries are well represented here and showcased really good performance. It shows that they have worked really hard at the national level and this is a really good sign for the women participation in basketball in general.

Do you think this event could be the ground for the new generation of the International professional referees?

Officiating abroad, is for sure an excellent opportunity for young referees to make new friends from other cultures. Also I believe that reproducing this kind of initiative in all ISF events and precisely Basketball, could allow the development of a strong database of future European and International skilled referees. It could be a sustainable contribution to the basketball world.

How do you think the cooperation between ISF and FIBA can be mutually fruitful?

When we started discussing with ISF, we recognised the potential benefit for the basketball development to contribute to the training of young referees. We wanted to establish a specific cooperation between ISF and FIBA on this aspect. Therefore, we decided to come to the ISF WSC Basketball with our top European instructors. I hope in the future, we could involve more instructors from all over the world. This year we have had here 61 referees from the 5 continents. Also in term of Basketball, this event is an excellent opportunity to prepare and develop the basketball future. I’m convinced that some of the young players here will be top players and will participate to Olympic games. I can make the same statement for the referees. However, the majority of the players will not go for a professional career but they might become involved somehow in basketball - great coaches, statisticians, referees, fans, parents of future basketball kids. For all of these aspects, we really respect the work of ISF, which contributes to the entire basketball world development.

Miscellaneous
Magazine, Logo and Anthem

Since 1972, the ISF was represented by two logos.

In 2006, the new logo was adopted. Its oval line, which skirts the logo, symbolises the movement in and the attraction by the ISF. The two figures represent a boy and a girl who enrol in the movement. The 5 small squares represent all the inhabitants of the world. The sixth little square (white) represents the opening and the broadmindedness of the ISF.

Violet is the colour of temperance, composed of equal proportions of red and blue. Violet symbolises the balance between the sense and the spirit, the passion and the intelligence, love and wisdom, lucidity and considered action.

The actual anthem of ISF is the little-known tone poem «Thus Spake Zarathustra» by German composer Richard Strauss, which is now widely known as the music of 2001: A Space Odyssey.

In 2018, a new logo and a new anthem will be revealed. You have till 1st of July to submit your project. Good luck and we look forward to your project.
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