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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 premiere 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
V2S - Volunteering in 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 (Marseille, 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 and winner of «The voice 2017», who ended the event in style. She also will be broadcast on Sport Television (SPTV) and will get an article in the magazine of the Olympic Movement.

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 10th 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 ISF Vision 2030: Mobilise can countries in the ISF network and the next ISF General Assembly.

New Agreement Between ISF and Confejes

On December 5th, 2018, the ISF and Confejes (Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports of the Francophone) signed a partnership agreement in Rabat, Morocco. The convention has been signed between the Secretary General of Confejes, Mr Boumah 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.
Winning isn’t everything but wanting to win is.

Vince Lombardi (athlete)

Gymnasiade Marrakesh

The Gymnasiade will take place from the 2nd to the 9th 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.
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**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 Sports”. 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 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 Olympic 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.

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**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.

- 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’.

- 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.

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 23% 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 Championships 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.

Sports are 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 young people to make a positive contribution to the physical, mental and social health of their communities and New Zealand.

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 importance 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.

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.

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 Marakesh 2018, to raise awareness on healthy lifestyle and sustainable sport, through peer to peer learning.

The represented countries are: Greece, Spain, Serbia, France, Hungary, Portugal, Qatar, Turkey, Chile, Croatia, Armenia, Malta, Pakistan and Latvia.
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.
As the World Health Day is coming up on 7th April, there is an important link to be highlighted between health and school sport. The theme of this year’s World Health Day is: Universal health coverage: everyone, everywhere. Sport and especially school sport can play a very important role in creating a healthy lifestyle. As during high school, many teenagers around the world start playing less sports or stop playing altogether due to a lack of time. It is highly important to promote sport especially during this period. School sport can contribute greatly to the development and health of young students. By combining sport with education, teenagers get the chance to be physically active in a fun way and learn at the same time. As sport is included in the curriculum, the complication of a lack of time becomes void and the benefits are vast.

This is exactly what the ISF stands for: sports for everyone, everywhere. One of the goals the ISF is aiming for is a healthy lifestyle for young people, which fits exactly with the vision of the World Health Day. But sport can do so much more. It can break down cultural, religious and ideological barriers and promote mutual understanding, peace and tolerance. To celebrate the World Health Day, not only on the 7th of April 2018 but forever after, let’s all stand together and get as close to a healthy world by using sports and school sport as a means for everyone, everywhere.
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