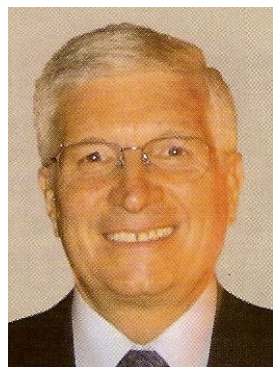


## PREFACE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Jean-Louis BOUJON, ISF President**

### The ISF ... A BIG FAMILY



The ISF brings together several affiliated countries coming from the 5 continents.

Behind their national leaders there are millions of young boys and girls playing sport from a very young age under the responsibility of teachers and educators.

The ISF focuses the sum of the effort afforded by each person and each country into achieving educative and long-lasting objectives so that these young people can realise their full potential by participating in our international organisations.

The world school championships are at the same time both high level sports competitions, but also exceptional moments of a coming together for all those youngsters from countries and regions that are so different; it is in short the perfect illustration that peace can live in every one of us, through sport, and that everything has to be put in place so that sport is an instrument for promoting and building peace.

In a world tormented by economic and financial crises, the notions of moral values and ethical standards become essential; the ISF wants to reaffirm them with a vengeance by inviting every country to act with enthusiasm and without reserve to achieve a school sports programme serving all.

May DOHA 2009 be the Gymnasiade of a new momentum for the ISF by bringing together all the affiliated countries under one sole flag, that of the ISF, symbol of union, peace and hope.

## CALENDAR 2010

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| 1 - 6 March      | Ski                                      | Folgaria-Lavarone-Luserna / Italy            |
| 19 - 27 March    | Handball                                 | Braga-Fafe-Guimarães / Portugal              |
| 25 - 31 March    | Table Tennis                             | Brno / Czech Republic                        |
| 19 - 24 April    | Cross-country                            | Liptovsky Mikulas / Slovak Republic          |
| 25 - 31 May      | Badminton                                | Sofia / Bulgaria                             |
| 3 - 7 June       | <i>1. Executive Committee</i>            | Villasimius / Sardinia / Italy               |
| 4 - 7 June       | <i>General Assembly</i>                  | Villasimius / Sardinia / Italy               |
| 12 - 19 June     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Panamerican School Games | Juiz de Fora / Brazil under the aegis of ISF |
| 26 June - 4 July | Volleyball                               | Baotou / PR China                            |

## SPONSORS

Johan FAVEERE, ISF President's Adviser

### The presence of KINDER +SPORT at the "Jean Humbert" Athletic Cup 2009 in Tallinn / Estonia



KINDER +SPORT became an ISF sponsor in 2008. An agreement was made that organisers of ISF events would be provided with bags and beach balloons for the winning teams and that chocolate samples would be distributed during the events. The Athletic event in Tallinn was the first in this collaboration between FERRERO – KINDER +SPORT and ISF.

Kinder International (Luxembourg – Italy) contacted the Organising Committee to make the necessary arrangements about the bags. The athletes of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> team of all 4 categories (school teams boys – school teams girls – selected teams boys – selected teams girls) received a beautiful and useful bag. Beach balloons were distributed as well.

The Organising Committee contacted Kinder Baltic. They offered the participants samples of Kinder chocolates during the activities. The logo of Kinder Baltic was published in all documents concerning the event.



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Patricia DELESQUE, ISF Communications Director**

### XIII Olympic Congress



Welcome in Copenhagen/Denmark !

Seldom will you see an Olympic Congress, an event bringing together the Olympic movement's extended family.

Since its creation in 1894, the IOC has assembled 12 congresses and the one held in Copenhagen in 2009 on the theme of "The Role of the Olympic Movement in Society" was an exceptional gathering that should have significant repercussions for the future of the Olympic Movement.

It took place from 3rd to 5th October, the day after the election of Rio de Janeiro as Host City for the Olympic Games of 2016.

This Olympic Congress created a platform for discussions on the workings of the Olympic Movement from which 66 recommendations were made for the future.

What's at stake is getting young people involved in sports and protecting athletes before and after their sporting careers. The Congress is pinning its hopes on the Youth Olympics taking place in Singapore in August 2010 and also on the digital revolution.

The ISF was represented by the President and Communications Director who played an active role in the works done, particularly the reflection on youth events.

Also of note, during this session, was the re-election of Jacques ROGGE by a very wide margin to the presidency of the IOC.

## PRELIMINARY VISITS

**Jan COOLEN, ISF Secretary General**

### **Preliminary visit of the World Schools Championship Volleyball at Baotou / PR China in June/July 2010**

The first preliminary visit for ISF Volleyball 2010 took place from 23<sup>rd</sup> until 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Jan Coolen, ISF Secretary General and delegate for the event, Heinz Hofstetter, president TC Volleyball, Monique Krecké and Denis Martin, vice-presidents TC Volleyball represented ISF during the visit to Baotou, PR China.

Baotou is located in the western Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on the bank of the Yellow River.

If the ancient Great Wall, grassland, desert and the Mongolian people created the unique culture of the city, it was the rich mineral resources which allowed it to develop as a modern industrial city and economic system with iron and steel, rare earth, aluminium, engineering, machinery, heavy-duty automobiles, electricity (< coal reserves), electronics, textiles, leather products and chemicals as the main sectors.

Baotou is Inner Mongolia's largest industrial city and is reputed as the 'steel capital on grassland' and the 'capital of rare earth'.

Baotou is Mongolian for 'place where deer live'. Hence it is called by its other name, The Deer City.

Baotou is the largest city which incorporates the largest green area (grassland) in Inner Mongolia. Saihan Tala Grassland is the only grassland in China that is located in a city centre.

Baotou has a population of 2,490,000.

Summer and autumn are the best seasons. With a pleasant and beautiful weather, and abundant flowers, melons and vegetables, the city is an ideal summer resort.

The ISF event would be the first international sports event to take place in the city.

All delegations with their head of delegation, the referees and the ISF delegate and ISF TC members would be accommodated in the Wanhao hotel near to the city centre.

Schools would host the competition and would put their sports hall at the disposal of the organising committee. The schools are scattered over the city. Depending on the distance from the hotel and the density of the traffic, transport would take from 15 minutes up to 45 minutes.

It had to be noticed that most of the halls were still under construction but the OC guaranteed that they would be ready next June.



One of the sports halls under construction

The inspection team also visited the Saihan Tala Grassland, which could be a destination for the cultural day and had lunch in one of the Mongolian yurts and enjoyed experiencing the Mongolian customs and hospitality in Baotou.



Training at the University of Science and Technology Sports Hall



The inspection team at the University of Science and Technology Sports Hall in the company of OC members and CSSF officials

## AT THE HEART OF EVENTS

Jan COOLEN, ISF Secretary general

### ISF Athletics 2009 – Memorial Jean Humbert – World Cup for schools

The Jean Humbert Memorial - ISF World Cup Athletics 2009 took place in Tallinn, a former Olympic city, location for the regatta when Moscow organised the Olympic Games in 1980.

26 delegations took part including India and Puerto Rico for the first time.

All delegations were accommodated in the Pirita Top Spa hotel, the renovated Olympic hotel. It was situated right on the seaside, a mere 10 minutes from downtown Tallinn, by the Pirita River mouth and close to the Pirita sea beach.

The **opening ceremony**, televised live from the beginning until the end, took place at the Kadriorg Stadium in the presence of the First Lady of Estonia Evelin Ilves, the Minister of Culture Mrs. Laine Jaenes, the Mayor of Tallinn Mr. Edgar Savisaar and the Olympic gold medallist 2008 in discus Gerd Kanter, patron of the JH memorial.

Along with the official part (participating countries' parade, welcome speeches, raising of the ISF flag, anthem of Estonia and ISF hymn) a splendid dance and folklore show was presented.



The **competition** was managed very professionally from all points of view. 73 teams from 26 countries of 4 continents competed.

It was the second largest participation in the history of the Jean Humbert Memorial. A record number of teams competed in boys school teams (26) and in girls school teams (22).

In the competition for selected teams 14 boys and 11 girls teams participated.



The **meeting of the nations** was held at the the majestic ruins of St. Bridget's Convent , a historic site just across the Pirita River from Tallinn. Presentations were shown on a stage, set up in the centre of the tourism fair. This set up was an example of how the meeting of the nations should be organised. The ISF spirit was undeniably perceptible everywhere.

During the **cultural day** the participants visited the Estonian Open Air Museum in the morning, situated at the outskirts of Tallinn, a life-sized reconstruction of an 18th century rural/fishing village, which came complete with church, inn, schoolhouse, several mills, a fire station, farmyards and net sheds.

In the afternoon a guided tour of Tallinn's interesting old centre was scheduled.

In the **friendship run** on which occasion 6 groups of participants, each group wearing T-shirts in one of the colours of the ISF logo squares, ran through the Kadriorg park carrying a long rope connecting all group members - an original idea on which future organisers could build.

The **closing ceremony** and **farewell party** were held at the Song Festival Grounds, a well known location where the quinquennial song festival contest takes place, drawing together 25,000 singers and 100,000 spectators.

The closing ceremony began outside to give an impression of the Song Festival Grounds and a second part including the medal giving ceremony and official closing programme was held inside the Song Festival building.

India won the Fair-Play trophy.

*Thanks to Pat Smith for the photos*



To see more photos taken by the Organising Committee see website [www.isfathletics2009.com](http://www.isfathletics2009.com)

## THE TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS' DIARY

Norbert KEVER, ISF Executive Director

### Technical Commission for Volleyball

Recently 2 members had to retire from the ISF TC Volleyball for professional reasons.

**Sasa Ceraj** from Croatia, who worked for the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports in Zagreb, was OC chairman of the ISF Volleyball Championship 2006 in Croatia and since then member of the ISF TC Volleyball.

As he is no longer working in the Ministry but has a new post in Zagreb Sports Federation, he is no longer able to work in the TC.

**Shmuel Goldshaid** from Israel, who worked for the last 32 years as teacher and PE supervisor in his country, was TC member from 2003. Because he changed work, he had to quit the TC.

ISF thanks both for their efforts!

### Technical Commission for Tennis

After 3 successful championships under the aegis of the ISF: 2003 in Hatfield, England, 2005 in Pompadour, France and 2007 in Warsaw, Poland, the EC decided to recognise Tennis as an official sport on the ISF calendar.

The 4 provisional members of the new Technical Commission (TC): Burrage Pamela from England, Giovannini Gianni from Italy, Kalomiri Konstantina from Greece and Vural Birol from Turkey, met for the first time in Loches, France in October 2008 during the TC Seminar to discuss the specifications for the next ISF Tennis events.

In April 2009 during the first official ISF Tennis Championship in the German speaking Community of Belgium, the provisional TC experienced their baptism of fire and worked from the beginning as a real team in a very professional way and with a lot of educational spirit, together with the local Organising Committee.

At the end of January 2010 the National Council for School Sport (NCCS) will invite the members of the provisional TC Tennis for a meeting in London to analyse the past and to prepare the following event and to further elaborate the specifications for ISF Tennis events.

ISF wishes them good luck for the future !

### Technical Commission for Football

Peter Rehnelt died in Vienna on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2009.

He was member of the ISF Football Technical Commission from 1978 to 2006.

From the founding of the ISF in 1972 he was involved in ISF as he was head of the Austrian delegation in several ISF events.

ISF is in mourning and sympathises with his family and the Austrian school sport.

