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**D**ear friends!

The past two years have been very challenging not only for CSIT but for the whole sport worldwide. At our Congress last October in Rome, we finally had the opportunity to meet and exchange in person on the ground again for a long time. Everyday life is slowly returning. We are starting to enjoy sport again, despite the hard times we have been through, despite the world crisis that is still putting pressure on sports clubs around the world: first with the pandemic and now with the energy crisis.

We have worked, we have shared ideas, we have imagined what the future would look like after the pandemic, and all our efforts are focused on helping our partners overcome these difficult times. After Covid, we have seen some changes for populations around the world. Today, CSIT stands to maintain its spirit of unity and inclusion through sport: CSIT needs more than ever to be close to women, men, children and people with disabilities.

Following the cancellation of the CSIT World Sports Games in 2021, we have held a series of CSIT Individual Championships in 2022. I would like to thank our CSIT members who hosted these championships: AICS in Italy and TUL in Finland. Special thanks go to our three CSIT Sport Directors Henk Bouchoms, Harold Van Hest and Georges Michel for coordinating and all the staff involved in the Championships. They did a great job, and I would like to congratulate all of them. Each individual championship was an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of the sport!

CSIT's main goal is to get the sport back on track. Our focus is now primarily on the next edition of the CSIT World Sport Games 2023 in Cervia, Emilia Romagna region of Italy. Originally the city of Rome was planned to host. But after the long closure of the hotels, costs rose by up to 40% when they reopened. Rome was thus unable to maintain the WSG's standard fees and we had to move the games. We are amateurs and therefore have to respect the purchasing power of the households.

AICS took the responsibility to find another affordable region and chose Cervia. I thank the local authorities and the hotel association for their very good cooperation. My thanks also go to the CSIT ExCom members for their team spirit in these difficult times. We held many extraordinary meetings to evaluate all the issues and finally we found a very good solution. The World Sports Games are our most important multi-sport event, they are a celebration for our people, and we have to secure them.

CSIT has developed in many areas in recent years and has become open to many issues. Thanks to EU co-funded projects, CSIT supports the development of youth policy: four years of investment to train the new generation of sports managers in the amateur movement. Thanks here to our Vice-President Anu Rajajarvi, who is responsible for CSIT's youth policy. I would

like to underline, that through the European funding, CSIT can be a driving force for youth education in grassroots sport at international level. We are therefore pleased to be able to offer this service to our members and hereby invite new CSIT member associations to join this partnership.

During the pandemic, we have also developed strategies to expand our membership. Our goal is to expand the capacity of our major sporting events as a driver of our economic sustainability. International clubs, organisations and federations can actively participate in the individual championships and World Sport Games as associate partners.

Another key theme of our vision is to draw attention to the plight of our planet. This is why we have set up the CSIT working group on environmental sustainability. During the "Sport Impacts All" conference, the representatives of the working group presented the results of their work. The guidelines on environmental sustainability will help us to bring our competitions more and more in line with green policies. This is an obligation we have today as an international federation. We need to show how sport can contribute to leaving a better world for future generations.

The Tokyo Olympic Games inspired our team at the General Secretariat in Vienna to write a great and important story in last year's magazine. Many Olympic and Paralympic heroes have their roots in our CSIT member associations. With us, the stars of tomorrow grow and flourish! Therefore, I would like to thank the press team around Raimund Fabi for the beautiful edition of the CSIT News Magazine 2021 and the great article about the CSIT Olympic and Paralympic Heroes.

I would also like to remind you today about the future. At the 2017 Congress, I presented to you a vision for our Games and Championships to be a celebration of families, not just individual athletes. We are working to make the WSG 2023 in Cervia a celebration for all: Our pillars are gender equality, para-sport and families. More than ever, we want to offer our members and partners the opportunity to participate in sport at an international level. From the challenges we have experienced, we can see opportunities to be a modern federation that moves with the times but does not forget its own traditions.

Let`s keep our hope for the future!  
Let`s work hard now!  
Let`s stay united!

**Bruno Molea**  
CSIT President



# WSG Cervia 2023

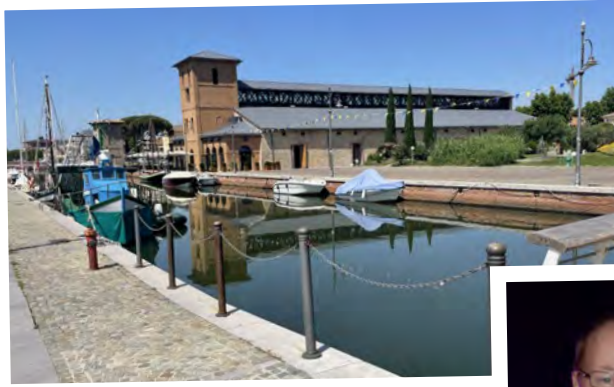
## Let the Games begin AGAIN!!

by Patrizia Cupo, AICS, and Raimund Fabi, CSIT Media Officer



**CERVIA IN THE ITALIAN REGION OF EMILIA ROMANIA WITH ITS PARTNER CITIES CESENA, CESENATICO AND RICCIONE WILL BE THE ORGANIZER OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CSIT WORLD SPORT GAMES FROM 5 TO 10 SEPTEMBER 2023 AND THUS HOST SEVERAL THOUSAND PARTICIPANTS. 19 OFFICIAL CSIT SPORTS AND MANY PARTNER CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE PLANNED, PLUS THE LAUNCH FOR THE CSIT PARA SPORT SECTION AND THE OPENING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH A CORRESPONDINGLY LARGE FRINGE PROGRAM.**





**D**espite the current extreme price increases and rising inflation and the resulting relocation of the World Games from Rome to Cervia, the CSIT has nevertheless managed to organize affordable Games for the participants and to create the usual high-quality and professional environment. With the best sports facilities, hotels and the accompanying program, as the CSIT members are used to. The Congress saw the first important coordination meetings between the host sports experts and the CSIT TCs.

## THE WORLD SPORT GAMES COME BACK TO ITALY

Cervia is considered to be one of the favorite destinations for sports tourism: its wide beaches, the rich hotel offers, the plains' routes, with the hills a few kilometers away, and lots of sports venues which make Cervia and the Riviera Romagnola one of the best places in Italy to manage and organise an international sporting event. For years, in

September, the undisputed protagonist in Cervia is the "Ironman", a triathlon with important distances and thanks to its bike, running and swimming routes, enhances the area and hosts thousands of athletes and companions every year. Also there, in June 2022, CSIT brought its single championships of Mamanet, gymnastics and beach soccer, already enjoying the typical Italian welcome.

For this reason, Cervia, together with Cesena, Cesenatico and Riccione will host the first post-Covid edition of the CSIT World Sports Games. The games will be held beginning of September in the pre-pandemic formula, and they will once again host the opening and closing ceremonies and all moments of cultural promotion of the area. The WSG will therefore once again become the Festival of people from all over the world, as conceived since their birth.

The organizer will be Associazione Italiana Cultura E Sport, one of the first Italian grassroots sport, with the collaboration of the Emilia Romagna Region, the Municipality of Cervia, and the partner ACSI.

The 2023 edition should have been held in Italy, but in Rome, where the 44<sup>th</sup> CSIT congress was held in November. However, the high bills and the consequent increase in the prices of the hotel offers in the Italian capital, brought the CSIT executive committee to rethink its multi-sport event which, as a matter of coherence, must be as accessible as possible to its participants. Rivera Romagnola, managing to contain costs and demonstrating its vocation for sports tourism, appeared to be the best choice.

Here, on the other hand, AICS itself has been organizing for years its largest multi-sport event, Verde





Azzurro, which at the end of the summer brings together around 6 thousand participants between Misano Adriatico and Cervia. No less will be those scheduled for the World Sports Games, which in the pre-Covid editions brought together over 5 thousand participants, including athletes, coaches and chaperones, all engaged in about fifteen different disciplines, from basketball to swimming, from football to volleyball and new sports, such as Mamanet.


### NOT JUST SPORT: CULTURE AND ATTENTION TO GREENERY TOO

The World Sports Games want to be above all, an event of sporting

culture and participation as well as a real inclusive and welcoming "festival of the people". It is not a case that the event will open with an opening ceremony, where all the hosted delegations will parade under their own flag and it is not a case that the program also includes tourist trips to discover the art cities of the Italian peninsula closest to Cervia: Venice, Ravenna and the small and picturesque Republic of San Marino. A rich program that aims to become zero impact.

### GREEN GAMES

The concrete contributions of the World Sports Games for

environmental sustainability will first of all be the reduction of the use of plastic and the promotion of slow and sustainable mobility. To all athletes will be given a water bottle and will be shown, with a detailed map, the water supply points; in the paths beaten by the athletes, the organization will guarantee paper containers for waste collection; also bikes and e-bikes will be made available to technicians and participants, in order to reduce exhaust emissions. We are all looking forward to Cervia 2023. Let the CSIT World Sports Games begin again!! 

### LOTS OF SPORT-ENTERTAINMENT GUARANTEED

The 2023 edition is rich, and not just in sports: during this edition, parasports will be launched, for the inclusion of people with disabilities through sport for all. There will be 19 disciplines like athletics, football and mini football, chess, Mamanet, table-tennis, volleyball, wrestling, swimming, karate, basketball, beach soccer, judo, petanque, tennis, beach volleyball, beach wrestling, beach tennis and gymnastic which, within it, includes specific disciplines from acrobatic to artistic gymnastics, from cheerleading to parkour.

The Games will also include activities for seniors over 55, from walking football to basketball for seniors, from non-competitive cooperative games to muscle warm-ups. In addition to the CSIT championships and sports activities for seniors, the program of the next World Sports Games also includes the championships of the CSIT partners, including demonstrations of new sports. Among the former, the partners of the International Amateur American Football League, the International Cheer Union, the International Fistball Association, the World Minigolf Sport Federation, the International Pitch & Putt Association and even more are invited to promote championships.



# CSIT Congress 2022

by Raimund Fabi, CSIT Media Officer

## DECISIONS PRESENTATIONS HONOURS

The CSIT Congress in Rome in September in Rome was marked by important decisions, presentations, honours and new roles within CSIT. The most important points on the agenda were the presentation of the CSIT World Sports Games 2023 in Cervia (Italy), the presentation of the applications of South Korea and Greece for the WSG 2025, the opening of the CSIT to new groups and the admission of new members. This issue of CSIT Magazine takes an in-depth look at the many important topics of the Congress in Rome.

## NEW MEMBERS

HLA Croatia was finally given full member status. The Croatians had applied with Zagreb for the CSIT WSG 2021. Unfortunately, a major devastating earthquake in Croatia and the Covid-19 pandemic led to the postponement and ultimately the cancellation of the Games and a relocation to Cervia. Due to the many lockdowns, Cervia also had to be cancelled in the end. Four years

later, Emilia Romagna now has the Games in Cervia with the partner municipalities of Cesena, Cesenatico and Riccione. You can find a detailed preliminary report in this magazine on the page 7.

New CSIT candidate members are Mali (FEMASCO), Angola (FADET), Haiti (CHASHA) and India (Indian Amateur Boxing Federation). For CSIT President Bruno Molea, the expansion of the association is a decisive factor for the future: "The results of the Congress are very satisfactory. It was very well attended, which is a confirmation of our work. I am very happy that our family is getting bigger. With family programs and disability sports at the next World Sports Games and in the future also at the Congress, which we want to open not only for members, but also for partners. An important step to establish CSIT even better."

## YOUNG LEADERS GREEN POLICY GENDER EQUALITY

The new CSIT EU project eYOUAca for the training of young sports managers was another focal point at the Congress. The Young Leaders projects are increasingly becoming

an important pillar within CSIT. The Young Leaders summer camps are well attended and are becoming more and more popular. The Austrian experts Prof. Robert Kaspar and Jörg Meixner presented their Working Group for "Environmental Sustainability and Green Events".





## CSIT GOES TIKTOK! #IAMGOINGWSG2023!

In September 2023 the CSIT family will meet in a sunny Cervia for the very much awaited 7<sup>th</sup> edition of CSIT World Sports Games! We want to share to all how we are doing our best to prepare the event of a lifetime for you, but also to show everyone how CSIT athletes and teams are doing their best to prepare as well! Are you ready for the challenge?

Send your video in 9:16 format (portrait format, not landscape) how you are preparing yourself for the WSG 2023. Also, if you are a TikTok user yourself – post your video on your page using the hashtag #iamgoingwsg2023. The input in the video can be anything, related to sport but also not. Show us how you compete, train, recover, film your teambuilding activities or plan your trip. The possibilities are endless and there is just one guideline: the funnier the better!

## SPORT IMPACTS ALL FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF GRASSROOTS SPORT

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Amateur Sport Forum “Sport Impacts All” on the future of grassroots sport was the prelude to the regular CSIT Congress (page 7). In the aftermath of the Corona pandemic and the global crisis it caused, the future of grassroots sport is undergoing a major transformation: youth policy, global sustainability and gender equality are the keys to restructuring the grassroots sport sector, which is one of the hardest hit in the world by the isolation imposed by Covid-19. After a long period of pandemic, energy and also the current war crisis, grassroots sport is heading towards very uncertain times, which leads to think hard about future possibilities. Leading Italian and international sports officials, as well as European experts, spoke at the Forum on the important issues of youth, green sport and the role of women in sport, and also about the future of amateur movements after the pandemic. ✨



In future, all CSIT events will be carried out within the framework of the new sustainability guidelines. The debut will be the CSIT World Sports Games in September 2023 in Cervia. Gender equality in sport is also being developed in the CSIT. In 2023, there will be the Gender Equality initiative with the EU Co-funded Project “MamaNet 2023” to spread Mamanet in Europe, with around 1,500 female participants expected in Italy.



**SASKIA KANFER**  
CSIT PARA-SPORT COORDINATOR

To ensure that disabled sports can be handled at a high level that is customary for the CSIT, a new Para-Sport Coordinator, Saskia Kanfer, has been installed at the CSIT at the beginning of the year. Kanfer is the office manager of the European Paralympic Committee based in Vienna and was recommended as an expert by CSIT member union ASKÖ. CSIT as a “Sport for All” Confederation also has great responsibility in the area of inclusion. This is a special concern of the CSIT ExCom and especially of President Bruno Molea, who is also a council member of GAISF and responsible for the GAISF member associations IPC (International Paralympic Committee) as well as the APSO (Association of Paralympic Sports Organisations).



# 3<sup>RD</sup> WORLD AMATEUR SPORTS FORUM on the future of GRASSROOTS SPORT

**“SPORT IMPACTS ALL” WAS THE PRELUDE TO THE ORDINARY CSIT CONGRESS 2022 IN ROME.**

by Patrizia Cupo, AICS, and Raimund Fabi, CSIT Media Officer

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After a long period of pandemic, energy and even the current war crisis, grassroots sport is heading

for very uncertain times, which leads to thinking hard about future possibilities. Best practices of grassroots sport are lived through the hard work in the CSIT, which currently unites dozens of worldwide grassroots sport organisations from more than 50 countries.

The third World Amateur Sport Forum “Sport Impacts All” in Rome focused on the transformation of grassroots sport and was the launch of the CSIT Congress, organised by the International Amateur World Sport Federation CSIT in collaboration with its Italian member association AICS and supported by the Lazio Region

and the Italian Ministry of Sport and Health. The Forum opened with welcoming remarks from IOC President Thomas Bach, which once again underlined the importance of the Forum.

Leading Italian and international sports officials as well as European experts commented on the important topics of youth, green sport and the role of women in sport, and also spoke about the future of the amateur movements after the pandemic. Bruno Molea (President AICS and CSIT) was on the panel as well as Michele Sciscioli (Ministry of Sport Italy), Vito Cozzoli (President Sport and Health), Giovanni Malagò (President Italian



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The European project "YOULead" for the training of sports managers was also presented. The YOULead project includes many young and ambitious people, who have already created many international sports events and, above all, different camps. The forum was a great opportunity to showcase their international movements and efforts launched by CSIT in 2018.

The forum also saw the presentation of CSIT's Environmental Sustainability Guidelines to highlight

the importance of saving energy and protecting the environment. CSIT will also be going green in the future. The debut of CSIT's major green events will be the CSIT World Sports Games in September 2023 in Cervia, where several thousand participants are expected.

Another major topic was gender equality. The European project "EU MamaNet" was presented at the Forum. Thanks to the support and promotion of AICS, there will be the first big International Mamanet Festival in Italy in 2023, with more than 1,500 women participating.



#### HIGHLY DECORATED PEDESTAL AT "SPORT IMPACTS ALL"

Bruno Molea (President AICS and CSIT) was on the panel as well as Michele Sciscioli (Ministry of Sport Italy), Vito Cozzoli (President Sport and Health), Giovanni Malagò (President Italian Olympic Committee CONI), Luca Pancalli (President CIP), Luciano Di Fonzo (Head of the Sport Unit of the European Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture EACEA) and Ivo Ferriani (President GAISF, the Global Association of International Sports Federations), of which CSIT is a member.



# Greece or South Korea

## WHERE TO GO IN 2025

**THERE ARE TWO PROMISING CANDIDATES FOR THE CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES 2025: THE CITY OF BUSAN, THE SECOND LARGEST METROPOLIS IN SOUTH KOREA, AND LOUTRAKI IN GREECE, CLOSE TO ATHENS AND THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES.**

by Raimund Fabi, CSIT Media Officer

**A**t the Congress in October in Rome, both candidates had the last opportunity to present their applications in detail to the CSIT ExCom and the CSIT member associations present and received corresponding applause and very positive reactions.

The difficult decision on the award will be taken by the CSIT ExCom lately at the beginning of next year and then announced promptly through all CSIT channels. In July, the first candidate site in South Korea was visited by Sport Directors Henk Bouchoms and his colleague Harold van Hest. In August, the Greek candidate was evaluated by Sport Directors Henk Bouchoms and his colleague Georges Michel. Based on the results reports and the last presentations at the congress, the CSIT Executive Committee will

make a decision in the spirit of the CSIT.

### THE FIVE PILLARS OF THE CSIT

The CSIT WSGs are supported by five pillars:

- 1 - championships of the CSIT and its partners,
- 2 - health of the athletes,
- 3 - workshops and conferences,
- 4 - sustainability and
- 5 - cultural exchange.

All these points have to be considered accordingly in the application and handling. How these concepts are implemented during the WSG will determine the award. For this reason, it was crucial to hold detailed discussions with the candidates on site. It must be clear that the awarding of the WSG is also strongly based on the location of the sites, the given

opportunities and the cooperation with the local authorities. After all, it is in everyone's interest to offer the best to the participants.

The Executive Committee is aware that the choice of organiser of the WSG 2025 is crucial for the further development of the WSG. The WSG have a flexible concept that is adapted to the possibilities of the organiser, among other things, with the aim of offering participants an attractive sports and cultural programme. Once the candidate for WSG 2025 has been chosen, it is in everyone's interest to quickly form the organising committee, work closely with CSIT and get started. Two and a half years to prepare the WSG seems like a long time. Practice has shown that this period is very important in order to offer the best to the participants and stakeholders and to give them an unforgettable experience.





## SOUTH KOREA AS TIGER STATE FROM NATIONAL ECONOMY TO INDUSTRIAL POWER

South Korea is embedded in the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea and the Sea of Japan in the southern part of the Korean peninsula, with only one national border with the neighbouring state of North Korea. For Europeans, the country with the “powerful energy of a tiger” is an exotic destination. For the CSIT, perhaps the venue of the CSIT World Sports Games 2025 and an excellent opportunity to expand the reach of CSIT in the Asian continent.

### Outside Europe for the first time

Should South Korea win the bid for the WSG 2025, the CSIT Games would leave the European continent for the first time and take place in the Asian region. South Korea is generally experienced in hosting major sporting events and, along with Japan and China, is one of three countries in Asia to have hosted Olympic and Paralympic Games. Seoul 1988 Summer Olympics and Summer Paralympics, the last during the Cold War. Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics and the subsequent Winter-Paralympics and co-hosted the 2002 FIFA World Cup together with Japan.

### Same goals as CSIT

The Korea Workers Sports Committee (KOWSC) was established in 2007 and is the nationwide sports organisation for promoting sports at all work and office levels. Currently, 28 sports associations with nearly 450,000 members actively promote sports activities. KOWSC maintains good relations with the Ministry of Sport, Culture and Tourism and many local governments by conducting various sporting events and activities.

### Sport for All

With the support of the National Assembly, the Committee is trying to enact new sports laws and regulations in South Korea to promote sports participation for all workers, reduce social costs and make life happier. WSG 2025 is an excellent opportunity to unite the Korean people’s passion and love for sports for a better community and to extend sports enthusiasm to neighbouring Asian countries.

### Sports enthusiastic population

Currently, more than 450,000 members are actively involved in sporting

activities under the KOWSC name. With the support of central and local governments and the 17 regional KOWSC branches, sporting events can be organised with up to 100,000 participants, using proven Games management protocols and experience. All sports venues for the CSIT World Games, as well as the WSG Centre, can be reached within just 30 minutes by shuttle bus. A free shuttle bus will be available for all participants for the entire duration of their stay.

### Highest technical standard

State television KTV and the Korea Sports Media Association are the main media partners of WSG 2025, covering the whole of Korea, including foreign TV stations. Korea will also provide it with YouTube similar platforms for broadcasting through existing YouTube sports channels. 5G internet and WIFI coverage is already being used across the country. The WSG 2025 homepage will be available in English, French and Spanish by 2024.





# GREECE ON THE TRAIL OF THE OLYMPIC RINGS



**HELLENIC ORGANIZATION  
FOR COMPANY SPORT & HEALTH**

The venue for the Games region of Loutraki-Perachora-Agioi Theodoroi is to be the city of Loutraki, with its highly experienced and dedicated team that can guarantee the high quality of the CSIT WSG and the related satisfaction of the participants in a very privileged sports destination. It would be the first time that CSIT World Sports Games would be held in Greece, one of the most famous tourism, cultural and sports destinations in the world.

### Between Athens and Olympia

Loutraki is a region in Corinth, at the entrance to the Peloponnese, on the way between Athens and the ancient city of Olympia. The municipality covers an area of 293.2 km and has 21,200 inhabitants. In summer, the population rises up to 60,000. The city is a worldwide destination for sports travel and events, with a recognised diversity and quality in the organisation of major cultural and sporting events. The city and its surroundings host interesting sporting events throughout the year with great success, as well as various European and national championships.

### Blue Flag of Europe

The Loutraki-Perachora-Agioi Theodoroi region is world famous for its beautiful beaches with crystal clear sea. Since 1987, the region has been repeatedly awarded the "Blue Flag of Europe" in environmental management for the benefit of tourism and the environment. Here the quality of the bathing water, the environmental information, the environmental management, the organisation of the beach and the services provided are right. The municipality attaches particular importance to the organisation of major sports events in order to develop sports and health tourism and attract visitors and groups interested in this form of tourism.

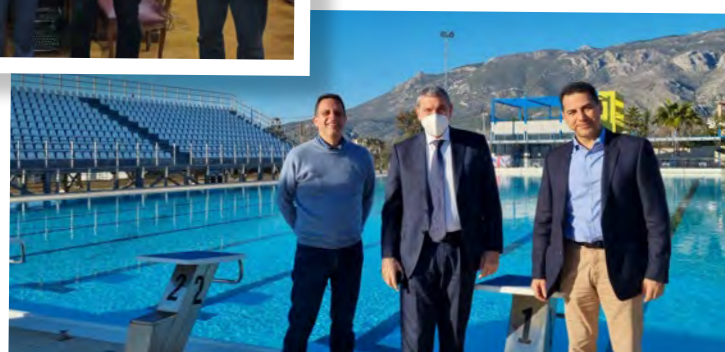
### Same values and goals

HOCOSH's mission is clearly defined. As a Non-profit organisation, it aims to bring together workers and amateur sports organisations, other non-governmental organisations, companies and society. The focus is on social exchange and improving health through sport and leisure activities within a company and

through sport for all. Ideal conditions for a CSIT event. In addition, HOCOSH aims to promote an active lifestyle among the family members of its employees, especially the youth, in order to cultivate the culture of sports and increase health awareness among future generations.

### Sports Spirit and Fair Play

This is another area where the ideals of HOCOSH and CSIT meet. The concept of sports spirit and fair play is synonymous with Hellenic heritage and has been deeply embedded in the national consciousness since ancient times. A great vision is to create a platform where such initiatives by companies and organisations can flourish, spread and thus contribute significantly to the further development of sports culture. HOCOSH is deeply inspired by the work of CSIT in mobilising youth, workers and amateur individuals to lead active, sociable and healthy lifestyles. Hence the motivation to apply for CSIT World Sports Games.



# ZACHARIAS succeeds HINTERBERGER CHANGES IN THE CSIT EXCOM

by Raimund Fabi, CSIT Media Officer

**A**t the Congress in Rome, with Christian Hinterberger from CSIT member ASKÖ Austria, a very meritorious and important supporter of CSIT has resigned from all his national and international functions with his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and officially retires.

Hinterberger was active in the CSIT ExCom until the end and thus jointly responsible for many important decisions and course-setting of the world confederation. At the suggestion of ASKÖ, Thomas Zacharias will take over all functions from Christian Hinterberger and continue his work. In his civilian profession, Zacharias

is a lawyer in the real estate sector and at ASKÖ Austria he is Vice-President and responsible for sport and international affairs. We wish Christian Hinterberger all the best in his well-deserved retirement and Thomas Zacharias all the best in his upcoming tasks. ✨





# Plaque of Merit in **Gold** **GEORGE MICHEL** and **PALLE THOMSEN**

by Raimund Fabi, CSIT Media Officer



In addition to the farewell and honoring of Christian Hinterberger, there were two other honors at the Congress for Sports Director George Michel and ExCom Member Palle Thomsen, who is responsible for Seniors +55 in the CSIT. Georges Michel was Secretary of TC Judo since 1999, Chairman since 2005 and is CSIT ExCom Member (Sports Director) since 2019 and responsible for many Judo Single Championships and Competitions at WSGs since decades! He also received the Plaque of Merit in Gold like Palle Thomsen, who started to work voluntarily in CSIT in 1983, became Chairman for the Technical Commission for Badminton and the working group senior sport and finally with 2008 CSIT ExCom Member and Vice President Sports for Elderly People.

## MARTIAL ARTS HALL OF FAME GREAT HONOR FOR GEORGES MICHEL

Since the CSIT Congress in Rome, Georges Michel has been energetically and professionally supporting CSIT Sports Director Henk Bouchums in his work in the CSIT Sports Commission. As long-time chairman of the Judo Technical Commission, Georges has become a valuable member of the CSIT family. At the end of May 2022, he received one of the biggest honors from the organizers of the International Martial Arts Hall of Fame and was inducted into the elite circle as a new "Grand Master".

At the big gala evening in Tiel (Netherlands) Georges received the Golden Award as Grandmaster of the Year 2022! A very great honor and international recognition for his long career in martial arts and specifically Judo. Georges was also invited to give a Judo seminar during the event like many international Grand Masters in the many different martial arts and to share his vast knowledge. The awarding of the many Grand Masters took place in front of a large crowd at the closing gala banquet.

## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE AS SECRETARY GENERAL AT DAI FOR PALLE THOMSEN

The Secretary General of CSIT Member DAI (Denmark) Palle Thomsen was celebrated for his 40 years of service at the beginning of October and received the DIF pin of honor for special services. At the same time, Palle was also awarded the DIF pin of honor for his many years of voluntary work in the international amateur sports association CSIT. Palle Thomsen is responsible for senior sport as Vice President of the CSIT.

Over the years at DAI, Palle has been the guarantor for the sporting development of the association, which has existed for more than 93 years. General sport, interdisciplinary sport, complemented by sport for the unemployed, sport for seniors, sport in residential areas and sport for the mentally ill are the social interventions that DAI has been carrying out in the field of sport since the 1980s and has given its more than 124,000 members a world of good sporting experiences over the years. ✨

# Cervia, Cesenatico, Oulu

## CSIT SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

### SAVIOR IN NEED

by Raimund Fabi, CSIT Media Officer

**CORONA – ADJOURNMENT! CORONA – CANCELLATION!  
CORONA – NO CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES!  
THE WORLDWIDE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS ALSO HIT THE CSIT WITH  
FULL FORCE AND FORCED THEM TO MAKE UNPLEASANT DECISIONS.**

**A**fter the WSG 2019 in Tortosa (Catalunya), the 2021 Games were actually supposed to take place in Zagreb (Croatia). However, a devastating earthquake and Covid-19 led to the postponement and finally the cancellation and relocation to Cervia. That was not to be possible either. In the midst of all the misery, the CSIT ExCom finally decided to forego a complete cycle and to hold the Games only again in 2023 and then again in Cervia, bridging the “empty” time in between with CSIT individual championships. Both in Cervia and Cesenatico (Italy) and in Oulu (Finland). An important and correct decision.

**THANK YOU CERVIA!  
THANK YOU  
CESENATICO!  
MILLE GRAZIE!**

The CSIT Individual Championships Mamanet and Beach Soccer as well as the Gymnastics on the Italian Adriatic Sea were a resounding success. Almost 1,000 athletes experienced perfectly organised games and had a blast. Living and experiencing the CSIT values. It was obvious to the participants how much they had missed the CSIT family after such a long Corona break. The ExCom also set a sign for sustainability in Cervia and visited the individual events not by car, but by e-bike. A sign of the

times for a green future. Inspection of the venues of Mamanet, Beach Soccer and Gymnastics with muscle power, also taking into account the important goal of CSIT’s social mission to make future championships and events as environmentally friendly and sustainable as possible.

**THANK YOU OULU!  
THANK YOU  
FINLAND!  
KIITOS PALJON!**

The CSIT Individual Swimming Championships in Oulu (Finland) were also a huge success and another confirmation of CSIT’s decision. Delegations of more than 250 people



*Green Games  
CSIT ExCom on Bike Tour  
and Inspection*







Championships. The great efforts paid off. The athletes were absolutely satisfied, the schedule was perfect, the accommodation excellent and the food excellent. Green Games were also used in Oulu with e-scooters.

## DISABLED SPORTS IN CSIT

### CERVIA AND OULU Inclusion for the first time

A major theme of CSIT as a "Sport for All" association at upcoming events is the regular integration of disabled sports. Inclusion is a big topic worldwide and a wish and a big goal of CSIT President Bruno Molea to anchor disabled sports also at the CSIT WSG in the long run. At the Single Championships Games in Cervia and Oulu, it happened for the first time. In Italy, a "mixed beach soccer team" with "special needs" was in action and received a special award at the prize-giving ceremony. Another step in Oulu was the participation of Marco Lijoi in the Individual Championships

Swimming. The 34-year-old Italian from the CSIT member association AICS is visually impaired and successfully competed in Finland in the 200 breaststroke and 200 backstroke events. Disability sports will be a fixed part of the programme at the next CSIT WSG from 5 to 10 September 2023 in Cervia (Italy).



from seven nations experienced four perfect days in Oulu. 10 TUL staff and 50 volunteers from the region, led by TUL Sports Director Antti Kempas, gave their all many weeks and months beforehand to organise perfect CSIT Individual Swimming

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# A very special **celebration-cruise** to intensify and expand cooperations

by Patrizia Cupo, AICS

**RESHAPING THE FUTURE AFTER COVID-19 MEANS REDISCOVERING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT THE PANDEMIC PERIOD IMPRESSIVELY REMINDED US OF. FOR THIS REASON, AICS ORGANISED A CRUISE FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES LAST OCTOBER TO MARK ITS 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY. A CRUISE ALSO FOR PARTNERS AND THEIR LEADERS TO FACE THE FUTURE AND DEEPEN COOPERATION, AS WITH THE CATALAN PARTNER UCEC.**



**T**he five-day Mediterranean cruise focused on sport and international relations. With two highlights.

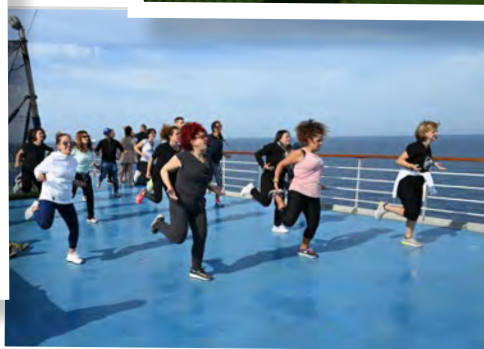
A day of practical sport with a sea view on board the ship. Perfect for fellowship and communication between play and discussion. The second highlight was the stop in Tarragona, where the AICS met with the Catalan partner UCEC (Unió de Consells Esportius de Catalunya) to sign a bilateral agreement.

The agreement was signed at the Tarragona Forum by AICS President

Bruno Molea and UCEC President Jaume Domingo. The agreement is mainly aimed at joint training and planning, with the desire to intensively exchange skills and experience. Exchange of skills between the two partners through joint training and consultancy projects, hosting each other's delegations of amateur athletes in their respective countries or even events jointly organised by AICS and UCEC for young people involved in sport and culture.

Joint international planning, possibly with joint participation in European tenders is another content. Joint feasibility studies for the organisation of sport promotion events in the Mediterranean, the establishment of permanent joint training centres for environmental education, which could start a real season of interaction between sport, science and positive motivation with respect for the environment.

It is important that the common objectives are not limited to a pact between national presidencies and directorates, but that they are also promoted by affiliated and associated organisations within the framework of building a network for positive action. Geared towards exchange, shared growth and the joint promotion of sport as a tool for personal, social and community well-being.





# From **ATHLETE** to **LEADER**

by Patrizia Cupo, AICS

## A SPORTS TRAINING FOR THE REAL INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS

**SPORT AS WELL AS A PROFESSIONAL FUTURE AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR MIGRANTS AND POLITICAL REFUGEES. THESE ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AICS PROJECT "ENGAGE YOU 4 SPORT", CO-FUNDED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION. THE FINAL EVENT TOOK PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE EUROPEAN SPORTS WEEK AND DURING VERDE AZZURRO, THE BIG MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND CULTURAL EVENT OF AICS AT THE END OF THE SUMMER.**

**T**he original aim of Engage You 4 Sport was to train 15 young sports leaders in each participating country (ten cities and five regions) and offer them six months of training in grassroots sports and an internship in AICS committees and sports federations from 2021 to 2022. The program involved 200 young people, 150 of whom were political refugees and asylum seekers.

At the end of the training and internship, some of the young people participated in the Verde Azzurro multidisciplinary sports event. During this period, they presented the activities carried out together with their local supervisors and also met the organisers of the AICS championships. Together, there were also visits to the sports grounds selected for the Verde Azzurro games and competitions.

It was a unique opportunity for the 200 youngsters to organise, learn about, lead and promote a sporting event where the organisers are right there. All this was done with a lot of fun and in direct contact with athletes, coaches and organisers. The participants met the most important sports managers of AICS and discussed the management of a big event and the contact with technicians and athletes. An intensive training at four venues in the region of

Cervia, Cesena and Cesenatico along the Riviera Romagnola.

All the activities of each participating group were recorded and narrated in video stories and went viral on social media: the most "communicative" groups were awarded during Verde Azzurro. In addition, the AICS project was selected by the European Commission as a good practice in sports promotion and a lever for social interaction and community membership.

This is an important milestone for AICS, whose project is one of the four Italian initiatives selected as a case study school among the 72 projects across Europe. The project form was published on the website of the European Commission's Sport Department as part of the HealthyLifestyle4All campaign launched by the European Commission for the period 2021-2023. To promote synergies between sport and healthy lifestyles.

The HealthyLifestyle4All campaign aims to directly involve all

European, national and regional authorities as well as civil society. To this end, the campaign launched the "Pledge" initiative on the sport sector website, through which public bodies or civil society organisations pledge to contribute to the implementation of the campaign through their own original and unique initiative. The aim of "Pledge" is to showcase an initiative that effectively contributes to #HealthyLifestyle4All as good practice.

The CE sports sector evaluated each Pledge candidate and recognised their value by providing visibility through the designated and established website. AICS succeeded in this in that it promoted and re-branded both the Pledge and its own project aimed at refugees and young people from across the country as "Engage You 4 Healthy Lifestyle Through Sport!".



# THE SPORT AS A LEVER OF GENDER EQUALITY

by Patrizia Cupo, AICS

**MAMANET HAS GAINED A TREMENDOUS MOMENTUM AROUND THE WORLD IN RECENT YEARS AND IS EXPERIENCING INCREDIBLE GROWTH. THE SPORT FOR MOTHERS, ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO FACILITATE RE-ENTRY INTO SOCIETY, HAS LONG OUTGROWN ITS BABY SHOES AND BECOME A SERIOUS, LARGE-SCALE MOVEMENT.**

In 2023, the European Mamanet Festival “EU Mamanet 2023” is set to spread even more from Italy to the whole of Europe. Hosted by AICS, the festival will see the participation of Hapoel Israel and twelve other grassroots sports organisations in Europe, including CSIT.

The festival will be a non-profit European sporting event to be developed in Italy and aims to promote gender equality with an innovative model focusing on the role of women

and mothers and their situation in the field of sport. As Mamanet is a team sport, the project aims to be a family-friendly initiative, putting the mother first and inviting her to be an athlete, manager, coach or sports manager.

During the festival, there will also be many other activities aimed at different target groups: Mamanet training courses, tournaments and also social events as tools for integration. Subsequently, this should also lead to the promotion of various other initiatives. From the Mamanet manual to the special web platform, which aim not only to expand the movement of this sport in countries where it is already present, but especially in those countries

where there are no Mamanet organisations yet.

The launch of the project will be accompanied by a wide-ranging communication initiative, informing about the preparatory activities of the festival and ending with a final conference. It will be preceded by various publicity campaigns involving national and international media. So the idea is to create a global community that promotes Mamanet sport not only as a sport for mothers and adult women, but as a real social network. The goal is a future worldwide Mamanet web community with 1.5 million members.







# HALL OF FAME for DR. TIM RAY

by Tim Ray, FICS, and Raimund Fabi, CSIT Media Officer

**SINCE THE 2015 CSIT WSG IN LIGNANO, CIROPRACTIC DOCTORS FROM FICS HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE WORLD AMATEUR GAMES. OVER THE YEARS, DR. TIMOTHY RAY AND HIS TEAM HAVE HELPED MANY PARTICIPANTS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF PROBLEMS AND HELPED ATHLETES GET READY FOR THE MANY CSIT COMPETITIONS.**

In 2022, Dr. Ray was given a special honor. The ACA Sports Council Hall of Fame Award honors the ultimate achievement in sports and fitness, for continued outstanding service to the profession and the ACA Sports Council, and for achievements in the field of sports chiropractic.

Each year, a selection committee faces Hall of Fame members with a very difficult decision. Only a handful of candidates make it to the front row. And the decision must be unanimous. “The Hall of Fame is the highest honor we can bestow on a member of the Sports Council. They embody every level of sports chiropractic achievement. Candidates must tirelessly follow the call of their profession with dedication, passion and perseverance throughout their careers,” said past president Dr. Carly Zuehlke.

Dr. Tim Ray has been a member of the ACA Sports Council since 1978. He volunteered on the Sports Council Board of Directors from 1996 to 2004, served several terms as Secretary General, Vice President, and President and Chief Executive Officer. Many Sports Council members were given the opportunity to compete in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City because of him. He also oversaw many other events in triathlon, softball, figure skating, powerlifting, Tae Kwon Do, rugby and beach volleyball.

The Sports Council voted to establish the American Board of Chiropractic Sports Physicians during his tenure. Further, Dr. Ray was also instrumental in the formation of the United States Sports Chiropractic Federation. This was the only time that sports chiropractors from the ACA, ICA and ProSport Chiropractic stood with a unified voice.

Dr. Tim Ray also represented American sports chiropractors on the Board of Directors of the Federation Internationale de Chiropratique (FICS) and currently serves as Chairman of the International Games Commission. Through his many roles, more than 500 sports chiropractors have had the opportunity to compete in the Olympics, Pan American Games, World Games, World Sports Games, and numerous national and international championships in over 56 different sports around the world.

In addition to his degrees in Orthopedics and the International Academy of Neuromuscular Medicine, he is also a Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician and holds International

Certification in Sports Chiropractic. With a master’s degree in sports science and rehabilitation, he has taught sports chiropractic in over eight countries and 30 states. He has been inducted into the prestigious International College of Chiropractors and twice named Sports Chiropractor of the Year by the Colorado Chiropractic Association.

Further, Dr. Ray was the director of the master’s program in sports medicine at the University of Western States, where he was responsible for development, growth, strategic oversight, leadership, human resources and management. In this role, he was instrumental in positioning the program as the industry standard for online undergraduate programs in sports medicine. Currently, Dr. Ray serves as a clinical instructor for the University of Bridgeport at Southwest Community Health Center as a chiropractor in the Department of Internal Medicine. ✨



# EU co-funded projects as a new important PILLAR OF CSIT

by Oliver Pangl, CSIT Administrative Secretary



**THE DIVERSITY OF A SPORT FOR ALL ORGANISATION IS REFLECTED IN THE DIVERSITY OF EU CO-FUNDED PROJECTS. IN RECENT YEARS, THIS FIELD IN CSIT HAS DEVELOPED MORE AND MORE AND HAVE NOW BECOME AN IMPORTANT PILLAR WITHIN THE WORLD CONFEDERATION. THESE INCLUDE INTEGRATION PROJECTS FOR REFUGEES AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OF YOUNG LEADERS IN SPORT, WHO SHOULD AND WILL TAKE OVER MORE AND MORE OF THE IMPORTANT TASKS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORT IN THE COMING YEARS. CURRENTLY, CSIT ALSO HAS SOME OF THESE PROJECTS RUNNING AND IS ALSO IN THE APPLICATION PHASE FOR NEW ACTIVITIES , IN THE LEAD OR AS PARTNER.**



through Vienna's old town. In the Final Conference on the last day in the historic "House of Sports", the 29 Young Leaders presented their concepts for international youth sports camps. These will serve as a model for real camps in the respective organisations. In addition, a platform was created to transport showcases and new ideas for the future.

inclusive sport events for migrants and locals could be finalized.

The core contents deal with strategies to involve migrants in a foreign country, promoting interaction, required skills and recourses for organizing a sport event as well as online and offline communication. After the meetings, the teams visited MundialLido, an intercultural football tournament for migrants living in Italy. As highlight, they could present the project to the representatives of the municipality, the MundialLido organizers, and all delegations.

## YOULEAD

In 2021, YOULead followed the completed projects YOUAca and YOUAca 2.0 on CSIT's mission to establish a sustainable trainee program for Young Leaders in European grassroots sports organisations. Due to delays caused by the corona pandemic, the project was extended until spring 2022. Thus, all working points could be completed and the project duly concluded. The conclusion of YOULead with the last meeting and the final conference took place in Vienna in April 2022.

Days 1 and 2 brought a varied program of meetings, sports activities and an interactive sight-seeing tour

## MUNDIALEU

MundialEU was about gathering know-how to design and run inclusive sports events for migrants and locals. It also aimed to lay the foundation for a major European sporting event with the goal of social cohesion. After some postponements due to the Corona pandemic, the project, which was due to end in December 2021, has been extended to July 2022. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the project teams from Slovakia, Croatia, Italy and Austria finally met in Ostia Antica near Rome to their first and also last meeting. Together the guidelines to organize

## SPORT 4 A BETTER WORLD

The networking and innovation project Sport for a better World finally ended in July 2022 after 1 ½ years of hard work. The aim of the project was to promote physical activity in Europe by sharing knowledge with grassroots sports managers. As with other projects, there were initial difficulties due to the pandemic. However,





the project the Turkish project leader and CSIT Member HIS together with all its partners managed to bring it to a successful end.

In 2022, the project group managed to design an extensive manual on the basics of sport event management aiming on grassroots sports managers. CSIT, as the organizer of its CSIT World Sports Games, covered the chapter "Strategic Planning of Sports Events" and could draw on its many years of experience with CSIT World Sports Games. Besides the chapters, also online video courses were produced to convey the content as clear as possible. The result: A 16-hour learning course which can be consumed free of charge!

## SGS SPORTS FOR ALL GENDERS AND SEXUALITIES

Creating an inclusive and open-minded sport culture that is open to all genders and sexualities. That is the ambitious goal of the projects SGS – sports for all genders and sexualities. Since spring 2022, ten partners from Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy and Spain are working hard to fight the dominant binary narrative in grassroots sports and foster inclusion. After the first meeting at the famous German Sport University (GSU) in Cologne this summer, the first major challenge is to conduct a scientific study on the situation of women and LGBTI+ people in European sport.

Therefore, the project needs help! Anyone who is or was previously active in sports associations – whether as an athlete, coach or official – can take part. The results will serve as a basis for further education, awareness raising and change campaigns in European grassroots sports to foster sport for all genders and sexualities. Scan the QR code and support the team of SGS!



## EYOUACA

After YOULead, eYOUAca is already the 3<sup>rd</sup> project in the Young Leaders series. The current project started in 2022 and has the objective of developing an innovative e-learning academy addressed to 75 young people – aged between 18 and 30 years old – through the engagement of a team of young leaders who has been already trained during the first three small collaborative partnership projects. The curriculum is composed of e-training modules and one e-internship module in which young trainees are asked to cooperate with their organisations to put in practice what they learned developing innovative sport activities for children from 5 to 11 years old.

The kick-off meeting took place in sunny Rome in September 2022. The group of partners from Italy, Finland, Spain, Estonia and Croatia is motivated for the tasks ahead. Already in January 2023, the next meeting will take place in Barcelona (ESP) to bring the project further forward.

## PLAYS PRACTICAL LEARNING TO ADVANCE YOUNGSTERS IN SPORT

PLAYS is the youngest EU co-funded project in CSIT. Started in July 2022, it aims at encouraging the participation in sport and physical activity by creating a science based, step-by-step action plan and training program. The partners from Romania, Poland, the Netherlands, Italy, France, Portugal, Italy and Austria met for a first meeting in Constanta, Romania, at the end of October 2022. In the lovely city at the Black Sea the project leader

University of Constanta set the course for the

next 2 ½ years. The first working point is an open Logo Design Contest. Anyone can submit a design and win the award and the prize money of € 250. The deadline for submitting designs is December 4<sup>th</sup>. All further information can be found on the CSIT website. Until December 2024, the teams will meet again in Eindhoven (NED), Nantes (FRA), Lisbon (POR), and Lodz (POL).



### BECOME PARTNER FOR EU PROJECTS

EU co-funded projects are the best opportunity to ...

- internationalize good practices tested at local, regional, and national level
- exchange and test new and innovative sports and best practices at international level
- provide opportunities for international non-formal education to employees and collaborators
- provide young people with educational opportunities at an inter- national level to improve their employability

If you are a sports organisation based in one of the EU Member States and interested in working in international projects with partners from all over Europe, do not hesitate to contact the **CSIT International Projects Office**, headed by **Valeria Gherardini**:

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# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the Workers' Games

## INDET MEXICO AWARDED 2022 NATIONAL SPORTS PRIZE

by Ruth Vázquez, INDET Mexico

**NONE OTHER THAN MEXICO'S PRESIDENT ANDRÉS MANUEL LÓPEZ OBRADOR PRESENTED INDET WITH THE NATIONAL SPORT AWARD 2022 IN THE CATEGORY "PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF THE PRACTICE OF SPORT" AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. THIS HIGH STATE AWARD ALSO CELEBRATED THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS GAMES.**

**T**he high state award is a great recognition of the work of INDET, which has been providing physical activation and sports programmes for Mexico's workers and their families for more than 50 years. INDET takes care of the physical and mental health of participants so that they can perform optimally in the workplace and build a peaceful family, professional and social environment, based on amateur sports.

INDET has been in existence for more than 50 years, is part of the

Labour Congress and is responsible for implementing programmes of activities to promote sport and physical activity among workers throughout Mexico. Bringing families together, frequent practice of individual or group sports and physical activity, with a firm conviction and strong commitment to strengthen their physical and mental health. This also contributes to business productivity and building integrated social environments. Peacefully and with optimal social development. The regular practice of sport and exercise is a positive form of leisure activity and improves the quality of life for all involved.

INDET was known in its early days as an institute for workers' athletes. Today, more than 4 million workers participate in its programmes and activities each year. The sports and physical activities programme has four main axes and is implemented in all states of Mexico by INDET officials and sports promotion officials from the unions of companies, industries and institutions.

### THE 4 INDET PROGRAMMES

#### NATIONAL SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL WORKERS' GAMES

This is the only sports programme for Mexican workers in both the



*above: Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador presented INDET with the National Sport Award 2022*







public and private sectors, with ten different disciplines. The competitions start every year on 1 May with local and municipal competitions. The best in each case compete against each other at the grand national final in a completely fair-play atmosphere to determine their national winners.

In 2022, the Workers' Games already celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and were held in the disciplines of chess, athletics, regional dance, basketball, street basketball, baseball, football, swimming, volleyball and beach volleyball. Registered were 2,922 worker-athletes, technical supervisors and sports coordinators from 27 states.

For the first time, sports delegations from Bulgaria (basketball and swimming) and the United States (beach volleyball and indoor football) also participated. Together with the organising committee of the event, this brought the total number of participants to 3,221. CSIT President Bruno Molea, Valeria

Gherardini (Head of CSIT International Projects) and Desislava Yagodin (CSIT Vice-President, ExCom member and President of the Bulgarian Workers' Sports Federation) were also present at the opening ceremony.

### PHYSICAL ACTIVATION AND ATHLETICS PROGRAMMES

These involve courses led by health advisors and promoters trained by INDET. They enable workers to increase their physical strength, overcome physical inactivity and reduce risk factors that promote the onset of chronic degenerative diseases. The recreational walks and sports competitions organised by INDET are an excellent way to promote health and advance family and social integration. Highlights include cycling races, group walks and the "International Workers' Marathon", which INDET has organised for 19 years.


### SPORTS TRAINING PROGRAMME

The training aims to overcome empiricism and train hundreds of spectators, athletes, coaches and officials to promote sport in trade union organisations. All this is done by conducting the national sports training course for labour athletes, as well as workshops, conferences and special courses in sports activation,

sports administration, basketball, football, swimming, volleyball and recreation. Instructors are renowned professors with Olympic sporting backgrounds. In August 2022, INDET already organised the 39<sup>th</sup> edition of this training course.

### INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

This programme offers the winners of National Workers' Sports and Recreational Sports Games the unique opportunity to represent Mexican workers in international sporting events. In doing so, amateur athletes take on the great responsibility and obligation of representing Mexico with all the honours. A great experience that has an absolutely positive impact on the workers, their families and their working and social environment. A system that INDET has lived and nurtured for years, sending its members to comparative competitions with athletes from America, Africa, Asia or Europe in disciplines such as basketball, football and volleyball.

INDET has always been committed to providing Mexican workers with activities that nurture and strengthen their physical and mental health, enhance their quality of life and provide for their well-being, while contributing to building a harmonious social environment, cooperation and peaceful coexistence. 

# Young Leaders in Vienna

## CSIT ON A VISIT TO VIENNA

**YOUNG LEADERS HAS BECOME A MAJOR TOPIC AT CSIT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE IS BEING PUSHED EXTREMELY HARD. THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OFFERED MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER AND TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT JOINT PROJECTS.**

by Matthias Lindner, ASKÖ

**A**SKÖ Sports Department Manager Matthias Lindner and ASKÖ Youth Officer Andrea Gruber welcomed 25 participants from 5 international associations (AICS, UCEC, TUL, KALEV, HLA, ASKÖ) in Vienna. Also present were CSIT Vice-President and Sports Director, Henk Bouchoms, as well as the project management, consisting of CSIT Vice-President Anu Rajajarvi and Cosimo Renzi, who started the meeting with first work tasks.

The young people worked intensively on their ideas for sports camps and learned about new aspects of sports organizations from senior leaders. A special highlight at this day was the interactive city tour, where the participants went to sightseeing places in Vienna's city center to complete tasks. The final conference took place in a historical and royal ambience in the "Spiegelssaal" of the House of Sports. ASKÖ President Hermann Krist and ASKÖ General Secretary Michael Maurer welcomed the Young Leaders and guests. After the presentation of the projects and the goals by project leader Cosimo Renzi, the Young Leaders presented their project ideas to a jury. The winner of the idea for the sports camp that combined the most different aspects was the team from KALEV (Estonia).

ASKÖ President Hermann Krist and General Secretary Michael Maurer were impressed of the presentations so that they spontaneously invited the project participants to be part of the 71<sup>st</sup> ASKÖ Youth Sports Week. Especially they were proud of the ASKÖ Young Leaders Alexandra, Eszter, Robin and Dominic. ASKÖ Young Leader Eszter Banos presented the Sport Camp idea of the ASKÖ Young Leaders to the participants of the "Sport Impacts All Forum" during the CSIT Congress in Rome as one of six Young Leaders. The ASKÖ was at the Congress represented with the following delegation: ASKÖ President Hermann Krist, Christian Hinterberger, Vice-President Sports Thomas Zacharias, Peter Putzgruber, Matthias Lindner, Harald Burghardt, Peter Kosmata, Andrea Gruber, Eszter Banos.





## ASKÖ YOUTH SPORTS WEEK AUSTRIA, OBERTRAUN

The ASKÖ Federal Organization organized the 71<sup>st</sup> Youth Sports Week from in July 2022 at the Federal Sports Center in Obertraun. The Sports Week enables the young athletes to broaden their personal horizons and to get impulses from other sports in addition to the professional training in their sport. The motivated and experienced coaching teams work together and offer everyone an innovative program of activities. Year after year, cross-sport and joint cultural activities ensure a great atmosphere in one of the most beautiful regions of Austria – and an unforgettable week!

This year was special because also international guests visited the Youth Sports week. Four Young Leaders accepted the invitation from

President Hermann Krist. The participants Paola and Veronica (ITA/AICS), Nea (FIN/TUL) and Eszter (AUT/ASKÖ) got an insight into the organization and implementation of the Youth Sports Week and were also able to try out some other sports. The four supported the coaching team and the camp management by thinking up a final tournament. They divided the young people into groups of ten. Each of which had to choose a name for something typically Austrian, then competed against each other in tic-tac-toe, penalty shootout, coin/head game and beach volleyball. Finally, a relay was run and a video with interviews of the young people was produced by the Young Leaders. The dedicated work was praised by the whole team.



Besides getting to know the Youth Sports Week, the four guests will for sure also remember the excursion to the historic town of Hallstatt by boat. The municipality of Hallstatt is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is considered one of the most beautiful lakeside towns in the world. A place with a long history, dating back 2,500 years to the Hallstatt period. And even longer. People lived and mined salt in this place as long as 7,000 years ago. 🌿

### IMPORTANT ASKÖ FIXED POINTS 2022 AND 2023

- **CSIT at the ASKÖ 34<sup>th</sup> Federal Congress** – In April 2022, the of the ASKÖ Federal Organization took place in Graz (Styria). Hermann Krist, retired member of parliament, was re-elected as President by the delegates and guests. CSIT-Präsident Bruno Molea was invited and had the possibility to talk to the forum.
- **ASKÖ Bundesreferententag in Vienna** – After a two-year break, due to corona, the ASKÖ National Congress of officials was held in Vienna in April 2022. ASKÖ President Hermann Krist welcomed the Federal Counsellors of different sports from all over Austria. Important topics for the future of sport were discussed. Mr. Emer. Univ. Prof. Otmar Weiß held a lecture on “Development Trends in Sport”.
- **Day of sports** – In September, the organized sport in Austria presented itself in the Vienna Prater. Stars, competitions and hands-on stations. President Hermann Krist was pleased that he was able to welcome many presidents of professional associations and sports officials.
- **ASKÖ – Federal Officers’ Day Bischofshofen** – CSIT ExCom member and ASKÖ Vice President Thomas Zacharias presented in October together Matthias Lindner the new concept for the ASKÖ Federal Championships. Andrea Gruber, ASKÖ Youth Officer, reported about the youth activities of the past and the next year.
- **ASKÖ Youth Promotion Prize** – The ASKÖ Youth Promotion Prize was awarded again this year. ASKÖ clubs, whose young athletes or teams between the ages of 14 and 21, who are successful at national or international level, are allowed to participate. ASKÖ awarded also ASKÖ coaches, who were able to achieve national or international success with their athletes. The ASKÖ awarded the most successful submissions with special grants.
- **EFPM General Assembly in Brussels** – ASKÖ President Hermann Krist and former EFPM President Christian Hinterberger were at the General Assembly in Brussels at the beginning of June 2022. Hermann Krist had several discussions with delegates, especially with EFPM President Philippe Housiaux and with Thierry Zintz, President of Special Olympics Belgium.
- **ASKÖ – Athletics Youngster’s Cup 2023** – Under the leadership of President Hermann Krist, ASKÖ has launched the ASKÖ Athletics Youngsters’ Cup. Every year, also in 2023, the best ASKÖ clubs in the youth sector (U14 – U18) are selected and supported with considerable additional funding

MAMANET HAS BEEN PLAYED AND SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED  
IN AUSTRIA SINCE SEPTEMBER 2016

# MAMANET AUSTRIA 2022 GREAT AGAIN!



by Christina Gschweidl, Mamanet Austria

was nevertheless used intensively to develop measures to revive and promote Mamanet. Various working groups were formed in the board to ensure the re-launch at all levels and the spread of more. During the non-match period, there were also offers for online training as well as in-service training, which were very well received. A hybrid training concept was developed.

the so-called "International ASVÖ "I am Aware Tournament" took place in Vienna, which draws attention to the topic of breast cancer according to an international model. More than 160 women from several countries of origin took part – Mamanet founder Ofra Abramovich also played in a diplomatic team.

**D**espite the Corona lockdown, Mamanet Austria has taken an enormous development. Directly funded by the Ministry of Sport and by now a fixed point in the Austrian sports structures. In 2022, the movement presents itself stronger than ever.

With a huge comeback after the enormous challenges during the lockdown: fun leagues, coach trainings, workshops, new jobs and perspectives, gender, integration, inclusion, happy women, the European Fair Play Diploma 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the 1<sup>st</sup> CSIT Mamanet Individual Championship and the International Mamanet ASVÖ "I am Aware" Tournament with over 160 women. A showcase project in Austria!!!

## FUN LEAGUES FOR SURVIVAL

The 6<sup>th</sup> year of the Mamanet promotion was again strongly marked by Corona. The suspension, disagreements on the issue of compulsory vaccination and unusable training halls led in part to the dissolution and closure of clubs. The regional league was suspended. Fun leagues were held instead. The time without games

## COACH SEMINARS AND REFUGEE PROJECTS

After the lockdown, Mamanet took off at full speed. At the 5<sup>th</sup> coach seminar in March 2022 together with the BSPA Bildungsakademie Wien, another 16 coaches and multipliers acquired a corresponding certificate. In 2022, refugees in particular were addressed and invited to participate. In cooperation with "Train of Hope", a weekly participation station was set up. With this, Mamanet brings a little joy especially to the refugees from Ukraine. This training is led by a trainer who is herself a refugee.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS AGAIN AT LAST

In June 2022, the first Mamanet individual championship took place in Cervia (Italy). 27 teams took part in the "world championship". Team Mamanet ASKÖ Hirm represented Austria and reached 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A great success in the still young international history of Mamanet Austria! In October 2022,

## NEW GOALS A SHOWCASE PROJECT

In autumn 2022, all courses started their trainings again. Implemented and new projects will be deepened, such as trainings in a women's prison, trial trainings with and in new places. Mamanet has become a showcase project in terms of gender and women's and health promotion and has a model effect for integration and inclusion in organised sport – also internationally. Public interest is growing, also on radio and TV.

## EUROPEAN FAIR PLAY DIPLOMA

Last but not least, Mamanet Austria is pleased to be awarded the "European Fair Play Diploma 2022", which is awarded by the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees. "We are happy that new women have been reached after the difficult period at the beginning of the year. Mamanet is more important than ever," says Mamanet Austria Secretary General Elisabeth Speiser-Havel. ✨





# MAMANET INCREDIBLY POPULAR IN LATVIA

by Anastasija Marcenko, LTSA

**FIVE YEARS AGO, MAMANET WAS LITTLE TO NO KNOWN IN LATVIA. IT WAS ONLY THROUGH THE CSIT WORLD SPORT GAMES 2017 IN RIGA THAT PEOPLE BECAME AWARE OF IT. PEOPLE ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT THE MAMANET WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT IN LUCAVSALA WITH GAMES ON 50 COURTS AT THE SAME TIME. ALSO ABOUT THE HUGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS OF 34 TEAMS AT THE WSG 2017. WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND DEVELOPED IN LATVIA SINCE THEN CAN BE CALLED QUITE GREAT AND VERY REMARKABLE.**

**A**fter the successful start during the WSG 2017, the Mamanet development in Latvia was unfortunately practically put on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the extreme restrictions and limitations, both events and trainings (especially for amateurs) were not possible. The turning point was the tournament in December 2021. With small steps, the movement steadily picked up speed again. Galina Gorbatenkova visited community after community and organised open Mamanet trainings with local enthusiasts.

With enormous success. During the Latvian federation's Sport for All tournament in Jēkabpils in early April 2022, 14 teams were already playing, including even a guest team from Finland. And in June, the two Latvian

Mamanet teams "Jēkabpils Lūsijas" and "Naukšēni" successfully participated in the CSIT Single Championships in Cervia (Italy).

For the newcomers, the results achieved were excellent: the Naukšēni team finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 27 teams, the Jēkabpils team finished 21<sup>st</sup>, but won the fair play trophy for the best player and also finished third in the Mamanet Beach Cup. It was a great opportunity for the girls to feel the international Mamanet atmosphere, socialise with other teams and make new friends.

In July 2022, the Beach Games took place in Ventspils, where various Latvian sports federations had a great opportunity to present their sports and activities. Mamanet was also in the programme and organised the first Mamanet Beach Cup with great success. At the beginning of December, the LTSA Mamanet

Championships were held in Koknese with more than 20 teams from all over Latvia. Mamanet Latvia is booming!

And the work goes on intensively and does not want to end: Whenever the Latvian Sport for All Association has the opportunity to organise an open, introductory Mamanet training in a new community or even a tournament, it is put into action.

One of the most active municipalities is Jēkabpils, where six Mamanet teams are already training. In the municipality of Ropaži there are two. And these are just a few examples. Mamanet is undoubtedly gaining more and more popularity in Latvia. And that is excellent and nice to observe. In this way, "Sport for All" is also getting many women who have not done sport before to take part in regular physical activity. One of the core ideas of Mamanet!



# I Am Aware

## Playing Together for a BETTER FUTURE

**ISRAEL TAKES TARGETED ACTION FOR AWARENESS AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND BREAST CANCER**

by Ofra Abramovich, Mamanet Israel



### “I AM AWARE”

is a traditional tournament held every year in October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This event involves 1,000 women from all over the country to raise awareness for early detection of breast cancer. It saves lives! This tournament

and equally. Mamanet will continue to raise awareness against violence against women and stands behind every woman who has had such an experience.

### PLAYING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE

was started by Mamanet players who have been diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. Thanks to this awareness, every year more women say that they went for a check-up because of this event and their lives were saved.

The Mamanet Mothers Cachibol League held a conference and tournament in Eilat, Israel in December under the theme “Playing Together for a Better Future”. The tournament involves 150 participants from seven countries (Morocco, Cyprus, Greece, Azerbaijan, Germany, England and Israel) who will play together to promote coexistence on the court and beyond.

### AWARENESS AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

November is the month of awareness against violence against women. For this purpose, Mamanet organised a tournament in the Arab sector. Jewish and Arab women players participated, all with a common desire: to live together peacefully

The conference also included an academic component with research presentations demonstrating the success of Mamanet in improving the health and well-being of women worldwide. And the establishment of an academic research forum by Ariel

University to promote research on the impact of sport on women’s physical and mental health. The conference also included measurements and evaluations such as interviews, questionnaires, which form the basis for international articles and studies to be published in international journals. ✨





# SATUS KIDS DAY

## EARLY PRACTICE IS THE KEY TO BECOMING A MASTER

by Silvia Wägli, SATUS

**TWO YEARS OF BREAK DUE TO CORONA FINALLY CAME TO AN END. MORE THAN 450 YOUNG PEOPLE MET IN THE SUMMER IN BEAUTIFUL WEATHER IN GÜMLIGEN NEAR BERN FOR THE SATUS KIDS DAY 2022.**

**T**he children had a lot of fun at the event, which offered something for everyone. Athletics in the individual disciplines sprint, long jump, ball throw and 1,000m run and in the fitness competition obstacle course, target throwing, sack race, floorball slalom, rope jumping and ball transport. Just fun for young and old.

“Early practice” who wants to win an Olympic medal later on, or “Fit with fun” – these were the mottos. The smiling faces were the reward for the organizing committee and the helpers, who also organized a team competition in the disciplines of burn ball, cord ball, rope pulling, relay and obstacle course. The final event of SATUS Kids Day 2022 was the club competition in gymnastics.

The winners of the individual disciplines were more than proud to receive their medals and prizes at the

end of the competition after a two-year break due to Corona. In 2020 and 2021, unfortunately, numerous competitions for the sports-minded children and young people could not take place due to Covid-19. Finally, in 2022, the situation finally returned to normal, and events were allowed to take place. May it stay that way. ✨



*The winner of the photocontest: SATUS Oberentfelden*





# BWF THINGS FINALLY GOT BACK TO NORMAL

by Ivaylo Dimitrov, BWF

AT THE END OF 2021, OUR MAIN WISH WAS THAT WE COULD FINALLY RETURN TO WHAT WE CONSIDER NORMAL WAY OF LIFE. AFTER THE GLOBAL DISASTER CAUSED BY THE OUTBREAK OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN 2020 AND 2021, THINGS WERE SLOWLY BUT SURELY MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AGAIN, AND WE WERE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE. WE STRONGLY BELIEVED THAT 2022 WILL BE A BETTER YEAR FOR US.



Nevertheless, the impact of Covid-19 was still strong in 2022, and we took all necessary precautions to make sure that it will not affect the health of the participants in our events. As previously, we have strictly followed all rules and recommendations of the Bulgarian Ministry of Health and Ministry of Youth and Sports.

12 months later, we can proudly say that Bulgarian Workers' Federation "Sport and Health" managed to carry out all sports events that we had planned for 2022. For the first time since 2019, we were not forced to cancel any of our events, and we enjoyed great turn-out and great atmosphere during all activities of our federation in 2022!

## WINTER

**Bansko (Pirin Mountains), most famous ski resorts in Bulgaria.**

- **Ninth Ski Fest for Banks and Partners in March**
  - Giant slalom Ski and Snowboard, Parallel Slalom Ski and Snowboard,
  - 120 persons from 18 organizations
- **Winter Municipal Sports Games**
  - Giant Slalom Ski, Sledding Slalom and Bowling
  - 100 competitors representing 13 organizations

## SPRING

**Black Sea Sts. Constantine and Helena Resort**

- **Twelfth UBB Games**
  - Mini Football, Beach Volleyball, Table Tennis, Basketball

(streetball), Petanque, Tug of War and Relay "Fast together

- 200 employees of United Bulgarian Bank
- **Eighteenth Workers' Sports Festival with International Participation**
  - 17 kinds of sports: Mini Football, Volleyball, Vamanet, Bowling, Swimming, Tennis, Table Tennis, Chess, Bridge, Darts, Petanque, Sports Backgammon, Kettlebell Lifting, Beach Volleyball, Tug of War, Beach Tennis and Beach Wrestling.
  - Team from Bulgaria, Israel, Mexico, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania and Serbia
  - 1,200 participants from 45 organizations
  - the biggest event during the year (increased 2022 by 50 percent!)





## SUMMER

Black Sea

Sts. Constantine and Helena Resort

### ■ Eighteenth Field-day of Teachers with International Participation

- 11 kinds of sports: Mini Football, Beach Volleyball, Table Tennis, Chess, Bridge, Swimming, Basketball (streetball), Darts, Petanque, Sports Backgammon and Tug of War
- 400 persons from 22 municipal coordination council as well as representatives of the Kazakhstan Branch Trade Union of Education and Science Workers

## AUTUMN

Black Sea

Sts. Constantine and Helena Resort

### ■ Eighteenth National Field-event of the Workers (Water Supply and Drainage System)

- Mini Football, Darts, Beach Volleyball, Table Tennis and Tug of War
- 800 persons from 28 water supply and drainage system companies

### ■ Third Open Field-Day of Industrial Workers

- Mini Football, Beach Volleyball, Table Tennis, Chess, Tug of War, Darts, Petanque, Beach Wrestling, Sports Backgammon and Relay "Fast together".
- 300 participants from 8 companies

### ■ Eighteenth State Workers' Mini Football Tournament (in Plovdiv)

- six teams with 70 players

### ■ National Orienteering Championship

## REGIONAL CLUB TOURNAMENTS 2022

- "Ruse" four workers' tournaments and two bike rides: Ruse - Giurgiu bike rides, blitz chess, mini football, tennis and international beach tennis

- "Shumen" Sports Festival in honor of the Labor Day: Mini Football, Volleyball and Darts, Summer Workers' Games in Mini Football and Darts

- "Kardzhali" Regional Sports Games in darts, shooting air rifle, lever passing and tug of war, mini football, streetball and darts

- "Gotse Delchev" Table Tennis

- "Sofia" the Beklemeto - Goat Wall hut tourist hike, Autumn Chess Festival

- "Hamlet Yovchev" Seventh Tennis Tournament for Amateurs "Velingrad and friends"

- "Varna 2016" Backgammon and Workers' Mini Football

## 2022 THREE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS

- 1 - The **Sixth International Sports Games** organized by Sport for All without Borders in May (Ohrid, North Macedonia) with the 205 competitors from 5 countries (Bulgaria, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia), competing in 6 kinds of sports (mini football, volleyball, basketball, foot tennis, table tennis and darts). BWF "Sport and Health" was represented by six participants in the individual table tennis (men) competitions and two of them took the first (Iliia Stamatov) and second place (Stefan Sherbetov).

- 2 - The **31<sup>st</sup> Sport for All Summer Festival**, organized by our friends from Association Sport for All Serbia in Budva (Montenegro). BWF participated with 27 sportsmen in tennis, volleyball, basketball and darts.

- 3 - The **50<sup>th</sup> National Sports and Recreative Workers' Games** organized by our long-standing friends from INDET in Oaxtepec (Mexico), participating streetball team and swimming.

## PREVIEW 2023

- **January 2023:** Winter Field-day of Teachers

- In **March 2023:** the Winter Municipal Sports Games and the Ski Fest for Banks and Partners

- In **June 2023:** the International Workers' Sports Festival

- In **June/July 2023:** the Summer Municipal Sports Games

- In **September 2023:** the Field-day of Teachers, the National Field-event of the Workers in the Water Supply and Drainage System Sector, the Field-Day of Industrial Workers and the United Bulgarian Bank Games

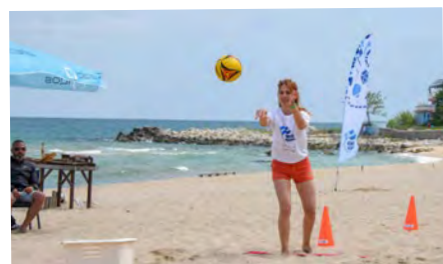
- In **November 2023:** the National Workers' Orienteering Championship in November

- In **November/December 2023:** the State Workers' Mini Football Tournament

## TWO NEW EVENTS 2023

BWF is planning to introduce two new events in 2023 that will have their first editions next year - the **Winter Field-day of Teachers** and the **Summer Municipal Sports Games**. BWF is constantly trying to evolve and provide their participants with the opportunity to be engaged in new and interesting activities.

Without a doubt the most attractive of BWF events remains the **International Workers' Sports Festival**, which will be held in June. BWF is looking forward to welcoming you to beautiful Bulgaria and hopes that you will join BWF during the Nineteenth Workers' Sports Festival with International Participation! 🌟



# 10<sup>th</sup> Hellenic COMPANY SPORT GAMES

by Aggeliki Lagon, HOC SH

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, HOC SH HAS REALIZED VARIOUS EVENTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND ITS AUTHORITIES, IN THE ASPECT OF SPONSORSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES, AS WELL AS OF MEDIA SPONSORSHIP BY FAMOUS MASS MEDIA.



Furthermore, the Ministry of Cultural & Sports, has passed a specific legislation, providing supportive and supervising practices for company athletics. Together with the Loutraki sports region, HOSCH is also one of the two applicants for the CSIT World Sports Games 2025. The CSIT ExCom will make a decision on the award in the next few weeks.

In October 2022, HOC SH organized the national “10<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Company Sport Games”, a three-day multi action event full of sports and

enjoyment, mainly realized in an Olympic sport complex in Athens. More than 1,000 participants from 60 companies competed in various sports, such as: Soccer, Basketball, Beach Volley, Petanque, Tennis, Padel tennis, Bowling, Darts and Table Tennis. Within the frame of the games, the great running event “Athens Company Run” took place as well, gathering a large number of participants.

Prior to the games, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, HOC SH organized the conference “Company Sports in Greece.

**Perspectives and benefits for Employees, Businesses and Organizations**”, in which representatives of the Greek government, supporters, sponsors and companies-members of the organization were present and received special prizes. The Greek government has been constantly supportive not only of HOC SH’s events and initiatives, but also of company sport philosophy and its implementation in our everyday lives.

Following the two-years pandemic restrictions, this year’s national games were welcomed with anticipation and realized in a state of delight!







### PLANS FOR 2023

The 2023 calendar includes various sports events in Greece and other countries. We look forward to meeting you all and enjoy sports in the sense of fair play!

- **13–14 May:** The “3<sup>rd</sup> Company Sport Games of Northern Greece”, which gathers participants from nearby countries as well. The hosting city will be Thessaloniki (Greece) including several sports.
- **05–10 September:** The “CSIT World Sports Games 2023”. Cervia (Italy) will be the hosting city and a variety of sports will be included.
- **29 September–01 October:** The “11<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Company Sport Games”, hosted in Athens (Greece), including several sports.
- **November:** The “Company Soccer Champions League”, hosted in Athens (Greece).



### THE IMPACT OF COVID

The effects of the pandemic also affected HOCSSH. During these two years, many actions and procedures inside the companies and in our lives as employees have altered.

Working from home became a new state, human relationships and habits dramatically changed and therefore transformed the way we experienced sports and athletic collaboration.

After great expectation, the signs of recovery and care with personal wellness are finally clear, while the interest of companies and employees in sports has raised again.

We look forward to organize new events and offer possibilities for sport experiences, cooperation, teamwork and enjoyment! ✨





# FAWSI Fair Play Awards, E-Learning Seminars and Different Online Courses

by Sabah Safari Nezhad, FAWSI

## PANDEMIC ERA AND THE EMERGENCE OF E-LEARNING SEMINARS AND DIFFERENT ONLINE COURSES

After the emergence of Corona Pandemic, Federation of Amateur and Workers Sports of Iran (FAWSI) seized the opportunity and concentrated on set of online activities including Educational Activities, Seminars, Knowledge increasing courses, Theoretical, Referees and Coaches training courses. FAWSI organized 38 Seminars, 37 Knowledge increasing Courses, 9 Theoretical Courses, 25 Referees and 27 Coaching Courses within one year and a numerous number of competitions

## THE FIRST EDITION OF COMPANIES NATIONAL FOOTBALL 7X7 CUP ORGANIZED IN KISH ISLAND

For the first time the first Edition of Companies National Football 7X7 Cup organized in Kish Island

from 26-29 October 2022. It should be stated that 11 company teams from different provinces (Tehran, East Azerbaijan, Lorestan, Kerman, Hormozgan,) participated in this competition organized by Hormozgan province. The teams were seeded in two groups including 5 and 6 teams. After 28 games, the first edition of this competition was finished with GOLD for Tavanir (Tehran), SILVER for Lachin Center Araz Jolfa (East Azerbaijan) and BRONZE for Khuzestan Sugarcane (Khuzestan).

Also with the decision of the referees committee, the Sirjan team from Kerman province was awarded with the Fair Play Cup. Abolfazl Omid, a player from Lachin Center Araz Jolfa Company (East Azerbaijan provinces) nominated the top scorer of this edition of the game. It should be added that the top teams will participate in the International Companies football Competition which also be organized in Kish Island in the following months.

## FAWSI WORKERS' FIRST NATIONAL STRONGEST MEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yazd, Bafgh city, was hosting the first Workers' National Strongest

Men championships for two days. Twelve teams from different provinces participated for the first time in this exciting competition and breathtaking competition. At the end of the competition, Nemat Jalali Dooz Dozani received the "fair play" award.

### FAWSI-CHAMPIONS IN 3 WEIGHTS CATEGORIES

- 95: Reza Gheytsi from Hamedan,
- 105: Aref Falahi from Kurdistan
- +105: Rostam Azizi from Kurdistan

#### The strongest men

- 95: (Gold: Rostam Azizi, Silver: Mohsen Safari, Bronze: Mehran Asadi)
- 105: (Gold: Aref Fallahi, Silver: Morteza Rahmani, Bronze: Yousef Razaghi)
- +105: (Gold: Reza Gheytsi, Silver: Mohsen Masn Abadi, Bronze: Malek Jafari)







# FXC Fireball

## Growth despite pandemic and global economic crisis

by Max Bartoli, FXC

**2020 AND 2021 WERE TWO IMPORTANT YEARS FOR FIREBALL EXTREME CHALLENGE FXC, THE ONLY TEAM SPORT FOR MEN AND WOMEN THAT GUARANTEES 100% GENDER EQUALITY ON THE FIELD. DESPITE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE SPORT CONTINUED TO GROW, BEING INTRODUCED IN FOUR MORE MEXICAN STATES, LANDING IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR AND UGANDA, AND ORGANISING TWO INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND 50 LEAGUE MATCHES IN MEXICO.**

In March 2020, FXC became the first sports organisation in the world to mandate the use of masks for coaches, athletic trainers, amateur and professional athletes of all ages at all training sessions and games. Four months of free courses and Zoom training were required to condition athletes. By July 2020, FXC teams in Latin America and the USA had already resumed outdoor training.

The FXC League match days in Mexico between November and December 2020 took place outdoors on football pitches with artificial turf. Excluding the public and complying with all prescribed Covid-19 measures. At the end of the 50 matches, the number of people infected with Covid-19 was zero ! The 2021 FXC International Tournament with 13 teams, including the national representatives of Mexico and the USA, took place in May 2021. It was jointly organised by CSIT, AICS International and INDET Mexico, and once again no

Covid-19 infections were reported.

In 2022, the FXC Federation increased its focus on consolidating activities in those countries where FXC is already present, as well as expanding activities in Mexican schools. As a result of communication campaigns and collaborations with CSIT & AICS and the possibility of participating in the CSIT WSG 2023, France, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Uganda, Togo and South Africa have expressed their interest in joining the FXC community. Among these countries, Uganda has already started to adopt FXC as an alternative sport to other mainstream sports.

2023 is expected to be a year of further expansion for FXC, which, in addition to participating in the CSIT WSG 2023, aims to include more countries and organise a Pan American Cup.

**Further info on FXC Fireball Extreme Challenge™:**  
[www.fireballsportfederation.com](http://www.fireballsportfederation.com)





# FISAC

## Heading for the CSIT WSG 2023 in Cervia

by Lachezar Yankov, FISAC

**AEROBICS, ARTISTIC, ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS (ACROSPORT), RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS, CHOREOGRAPHY, TEAM GYMNASTICS AND PARKOUR ARE ALL GYMNASTICS DISCIPLINES AT THE UPCOMING CSIT WORLD SPORT GAMES 2023 IN CERVIA.**

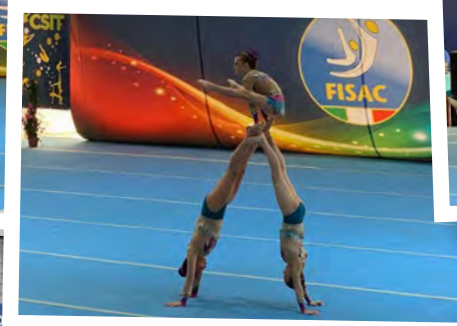
**A**n unique initiative by FISAC and a great opportunity for the young and non-professional gymnasts to get such a high podium and presentation platform. At the CSIT World Sport Games for amateurs united in an atmosphere of friendship and professionalism. All disciplines are presented

and recognised at International, European and World FIG level.

### PROMOTIONAL DISCIPLINES

FISAC (Federation Italian Sport Acrobatica e Choreografica), in collaboration with AICS (Associazione Italiana Cultura

e Sport), organises events also in Fitkid, Rope Skipping, Juggling, Ariels and Accordance and invites everyone to get involved and collaborate so that the young athletes can one day travel to the CSIT World Sport Games with confidence and feel like professionals in their fields.







**AFTER TWO YEARS OF POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, THE WORLD MINIGOLF SPORT FEDERATION (WMF) SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2022.**

# MINIGOLF

## Back on track

by Pat Sheridan, Minigolf

**T**he main tournament to return to the calendar was the World Adventure Golf Masters (WAGM) in Finland. The last time the WAGM was held was in 2019. This year, the Finns proved their dominance in their home country, especially Aki Sillman, who won gold medals in the overall, general men's, teams and mixed pairs categories.

Other tournaments that returned in 2022 were the World Youth Championships and the World Senior Championships, both held in Germany. In addition, there were many other regional and national tournaments that had to be put on hold or cancelled altogether in 2020 and 2021.

The WAGM will continue in 2023 in Austria, where the tournament was to be held in 2020 before it was cancelled.

2023 will also see the return of the most prestigious minigolf tournament: the World Championships. This tournament normally takes place every two years, but also had to be cancelled in 2021 due to the ongoing Covid restrictions. The tournament will be held in Uppsala, Sweden, from 22 to 26 August. ✨

# Panathlon International 2022 the year of recovery

by Simona Callo, Secretary General PI

**AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF INACTIVITY AND PARTIAL DISORIENTATION, 2022 WAS FOR PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL PI FINALLY THE YEAR OF RECOVERY AND PLANNING FOR NEW ACTIVITIES. PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL IMMEDIATELY ORGANISED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, ALL OF WHICH WERE WELL ATTENDED.**

In Rondine (Cittadella della Pace) in May was the conference **“Fair Play restarts from school”** with the aim of working with school institutions to promote and spread Fair Play in sporting behaviour and in life. Prof. Ario Federici (professor of motor skills at the University of Urbino) and Prof. Matteo Lazzizzera (former president of Club Trento, professor of motor skills and sports coach) were the speakers who introduced the participants to this interesting topic and shared their experiences. CIPF

President Jenò Kanuti and Ruggero Alcanterini, representing EFPM, were also present at the event.

The **„Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly”** took place in June at the University of Lausanne. Intensive days that also allowed participants to enjoy the beauty of the city and visit the Olympic Museum where the Gala Dinner was held. At the meeting, all institutional reports and budgets were presented and important changes to the PI Statutes were voted on. At the end, the presentation of the 2020–2021 Communication Awards took place at the Olympic Museum. The Commission awarded the winners: for TV/Radio, the Panathlon Club of Maldonado and Punta del Este (Uruguay); for Print, the Panathlon Club of Rovigo (Italy); and for Web/Social, the Panathlon Club of Brussels EU (Belgium).

In September, a round table on **“The effects of conflicts and politics in sport”** was held at the Giulio Onesti

Olympic Preparation Centre in Rome. Sport competitions could and should be used to promote peace was the conclusion. Athletes with or without disabilities are the central element in sport. Without them, national and international clubs would not exist.

The prestigious **„Flambeau d’Or Award Ceremony”** also took place in Rome in September. It is Panathlon International’s highest award and was presented to IOC President Thomas Bach at the CONI Hall of Honour in the presence of CSIT President Bruno Molea. Established in 1972, the award aims to honour important personalities in the world of sport who have disseminated the fundamental principles of the ethical and cultural values of sport. The award is presented every four years and most recently went to the French skier Jean Claude Killy in 2018.





Panathlon International organised the work of the Expansion Commission, District Presidents and the International Board in Beausoleil (FRA) in October. The final document highlighted the efforts of all districts for the development of **“PI and their initiatives for young people and schools”**. Implemented projects and new ideas were analysed and discussed and there were many areas of agreement and goals to work on in the coming period.

The seventh edition of the **“PCU International University Tennis Tournament”** (PIUTT) 2022 took place 1 October in Rome at the University Tor Vergata. PIUTT is an annual tennis

event for colleges and universities around the world that emphasizes fair play and universal friendship.

The **“14<sup>th</sup> Pan American Congress”** was successfully held in Cochabamba (Bolivia). Representatives from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, and Uruguay were present and illustrated the projects carried out by their Clubs in school, fair play, environment and relations with the Olympic Committees. The International President emphasized the importance of these in-person meetings that contribute to the strengthening of friendship, cultural sports exchanges and the possibility of establishing Panathlon



International representation on the South American Continent in order to develop its presence on the continent. ✨

## LIST OF PROJECTS

- **Club Award + sensitive to sport x all** – PI urges Clubs to open more and more to the territory and to the weaker groups, who have difficulty accessing “civil society.” PI awarded a cash prize to three Clubs that, according to a ranking defined by a committee chaired by the International President, have best met the aims of the project.
- **Fair Play restarts from school** – PI is one of the associations – together with the Olympic Academy and UNESCO – which most authoritatively collaborate with the IOC, testifying to the educational importance of sport inspired by ethics and fair play. School is an educational institution and as such it has the task of guiding students not only towards the desire for knowledge but also towards the formation of their personality and conscience as citizens. The aim of the school and the family is the same: to educate young people in becoming aware citizens. The project is aimed at all students of all levels, starting from nursery school, but also to their parents.
- **International Photographic Competition on the theme “An Invincible Summer”** – There were three winners, and two special prizes were awarded. The thirty works selected by the Jury were then displayed in the exhibition set up as part of the “Off Circuit” event of the Festival of European Photography. The event has been organized by the “Palazzo Magnani Foundation” of Reggio Emilia, Italy.
- **European Week of Sport (EWOS)** – It takes place each year from September 23 to 30. Launched in 2015 by the European Union it promotes sports activity and healthy lifestyles to increase the physical and mental well-being of European citizens. About 20 clubs with a total of ca 10,000 participants attended the event 2022.
- **International Visual Arts Competition** – Has been revived again 2022 by adding the theme “snow and ice.” It aims to bring PI and its Cultural Foundation – Domenico Chiesa – to the attention of a wide international audience. It promotes the quality of images that highlight the relationship between Sport, Mountains and Olympism and that spread the values of the Panathletic Movement universal ideal of culture through sport, an educational tool for social change.
- **Erasmus plus – Sport Against Match fixing (SAMF)** – In this project, PI is joined by other sports organisations from different countries and different sports. The aim is to raise awareness on key issues related to the prevention of match-fixing and the consequences and risks of this unethical and unfair phenomenon, especially considering the negative impact it can have on the careers of amateur athletes.
- **“Strategic Plan 2022-2026”** – Is an in-depth study of PI. Through the analysis of history and the current situation, PI arrives at outlining a path with goals to be achieved in the next four years and to be checked periodically. It was approved by the General Assembly in Lausanne.
- **World Fair Play Day** – PI is one of the organizers. It takes place in Brussels on September 7 every year. The World Fair Play Day is a sports initiative aimed at promoting fair play and ethical values in sport. All those involved in sports, on and off the field, are invited to highlight fair play initiatives, projects and achievements each year on this special date.



# ACSI

## SUSTAINABLE SPORT and HORIZONTAL SUBSIDIARITY

by Enrico Fora, ACSI



**ACSI IS ALWAYS OPEN TO NEW DEMANDS ARISING FROM AREAS OF SOCIAL SENSITIVITY. AICS HAS PERCEIVED THE DEEP MALAISE OF ITALY'S RUN-DOWN SUBURBS, WHERE FIFTEEN MILLION PEOPLE LIVE VIRTUALLY UNNOTICED. ABANDONED BY THE STATE, HOSTAGES TO CRIMINAL ARROGANCE. IN THESE GHETTOS THERE ARE NO SPACES FOR SOCIAL ENCOUNTERS, NO CULTURAL CENTRES, NO PLAY AND SPORTS FACILITIES. THE "CIVILIAN HEROES" OF OUR AMATEUR SPORTS CLUBS OPERATE IN THESE EXTREME FRINGE DISTRICTS, GRADUALLY SNATCHING THE MINORS FROM THE CLUTCHES OF CRIMINALITY AND RESOCIALISING THEM.**



**S**ocial sport is strategically at the forefront of our country's dynamism with a meritorious educational, training and health action for all age groups. Its indispensable vocation as a preventive antidote to diseases in alarming proliferation (drug addiction, alcoholism, physical and mental inactivity, etc.) allows the cost burden of the NHS (National Health Service) to be reduced. The figures confirm the rooting of ACSI throughout the national territory with a qualified activity of care and subsidiarity.

The youngest are often left to the streets with the seductive lure of petty crime. A devastating colonisation that desolates the identity of the territory and tarnishes the values of civil coexistence. ACSI, with the technical-scientific support of the Hands Off Children Committee, the most qualified European pharmacovigilance for the administration of psychotropic drugs to the very young, set up an observatory on the phenomenon of adolescent depression. Subsequently, the prestigious "Pietro Mennea" Foundation joined the awareness campaign.

ACSI is a movement that is constantly evolving. Emblematic are the collaborations with ANCS (National Academy of Sports Culture), MECS (Movement for Ethics, Culture and Sport) and Don Luigi Ciotti's

association "Libera", which increasingly involve ACSI in social work. In this direction, cooperation with the National Permanent Forum of the Third Sector has intensified.

In recent years, ACSI has taken a leading role in integration policies with Annalisa Minetti, Paralympic champion and national manager for multiple disabilities. In 2020, the President of the Italian Paralympic Committee, Luca Pancalli, even awarded the National President of ACSI Antonino Viti with the Golden Star for Paralympic sporting merit. Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding was also signed between ACSI and FISPE (Italian Federation for Paralympic and Experimental Sports).

ACSI's Green New Deal has not gone unnoticed either. The official invitation to participate in the UN-sponsored World Earth Day has arrived. Therefore, we participated in the multimedia marathon with the extraordinary virtual audience of 35 million Italians who watched the live broadcast on the channels of the Italian TV station RAI.

During the coronavirus emergency, many synergies have emerged,

such as AVIS (Association of Italian Volunteers for Blood Donation) with our testimonial Edita Pucinskaite, multiple world champion, the only woman in the world with a stellar palmarès: she won the World Championships, the Tour de France and twice the Giro d'Italia.

For the immediate future, an increasingly multidimensional and movement-oriented role is emerging, aligned with the new goals of eco-sustainable sport, permaculture and the Green New Deal, and dimensioned as a frontier of opinion and change.

Recently, ACSI and the Italian National Fair Play Committee organised an international event in Rome under the motto "Sport - Fair Play - Peace". With great media coverage. The highlights took place in the CONI Hall of Honour, in the Domitian Stadium in Piazza Navona and in the Protomoteca on the Campidoglio. Philippe Housiaux, President of the European Fair Play Movement, awarded the "Fair Play Peace Prize" to institutions and personalities committed to promoting a new civilisation of empathy inspired by the "fair play spirit of sport". 





# RKB „Solidarität“

## Preserving traditions and driving innovations

**FIGHT FOR FAIR SPORTS FUNDING, AGAINST MASSIVE PRICE INCREASES AND THEIR NEGATIVE EFFECTS**

by Tilmann Ziegenhain, RKB



The 45<sup>th</sup> Federal Conference of the RKB “Solidarität” Deutschland 1896 e. V. took place in September 2022. The main focus was on the development of the association. The declared goal is the further development of the organisational profile towards a young, modern, family and service-oriented sports association. Enjoyment of movement in the community, cohesion, fairness and solidarity are to remain in the foreground.

In addition, the delegates of the state associations clearly spoke out against a further commercialisation of the Olympic idea and demanded a reform of the German sports promotion system with a stronger focus on mass sports.

The delegates are very concerned about the past and present closures of gymnasiums, swimming pools and ice rinks. Public sports facilities must be prioritised as a service of general

interest, kept open for mass sports in clubs and schools in times of crisis and adequately heated in the coming winter.

During the corona pandemic, children, adolescents and adults have cut back on recreational sports in solidarity – sometimes with serious physical and psychological consequences. Another winter without a wide range of sports would not only be fatal for them, but also for the clubs and the voluntary structures, in which many things have already come to a standstill in recent years and still have to be rebuilt with a lot of commitment.

Sustained political and financial support from the federal, state and local governments is therefore urgently needed for the voluntary and non-commercial provision of mass sports and their association structures. In addition to the existing focus on cycling, roller and motor sports and the special youth work of the Solidarity Youth, inline hockey has recently been added to the range of activities of the federation, which was founded 126 years ago out of the labour movement.







**“PFANN”TASTIC – JANA PFANN IS THE NEW ARTISTIC CYCLING WORLD CHAMPION, RAMONA DANDL TAKES SILVER**

Gold and silver for two athletes from the same club has never happened before at an indoor cycling world championship. Jana Pfann and Ramona Dandl from the RKB Solidarität Bruckmühl have now done it. The two club colleagues had a close head-to-head race at the World Championships in Gent (BEL) in November. In the end, Pfann with 190.14 points was only just ahead of Dandl (187.23 points), who had only recently finished the World Cup as overall winner.

What does a freshly crowned World Champion do after arriving home after her victory? That’s right, she goes back to sports: “The others took a break, but I was so motivated that I continued training right away. In volleyball? Jana’s enthusiasm for sports is versatile. That’s why she was a permanent guest in the gym in Ghent, while many athletes spent the time in between their assignments in the national team’s hotel. “I think bicycle polo is super cool, totally exciting, I like to watch it. Besides, it makes the excitement go away.”

**Next goal – World Record**

For Pfann, her first elite year could not have gone better. Fortunately, there is still enough room in her wardrobe for another winner’s jersey: in June she became European champion in Hungary and German champion in October. What is still missing? “I would like to top the world record that Milena Slupina set with 197.71 points.”



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above: Ramona Dandl, Jana Pfann and Alessa Hotz



# ICSF

## New Board of Directors

by Abdulkaem Saith, ICSF

### THE IRAQI FEDERATION OF SPORTS COMPANIES HELD ITS ELECTIONS FOR THE 2022 – 2026 ELECTORAL CYCLE ON SUNDAY.

The election was under the supervision of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Iraqi National Olympic Committee, and the five-member committee supervising the sports elections, according to Sports Federations Law No. 24 of 2021 and the system. The internal affairs of the Federation were approved by the

members of the General Assembly of the Iraqi Sports Federation of Companies.

#### THE NEW BOARD

The new board elected for a new cycle of four years are: Ali Karim Hussein (President, Chairman of the Federation of Sports Companies),

Salah Abdullah Youssef (Vice President of the Federation), Abdul Karim Sale Maeab (member of the Federation), Wameedh Shamil Kamil (union member), Abdel Mohsen Majeed Shaltag (member of the Federation), Wissam Mahdi Muhammad (member of the Federation), Shukriya Abdul-Mahdi Daoud (member of the Federation).



above: The new board of the Iraqi Companies Sports Federation ICSF



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## Membership

EVERY YEAR, SEVERAL FEDERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CSIT. SPORTS THAT ARE KNOWN, THAT ARE PRACTISED BY MILLIONS OF ACTIVE PEOPLE IN MANY COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. BUT ALSO SPORTS THAT ARE LESS KNOWN, THAT ARE LOOKING FOR COMMUNITIES TO PRESENT THEMSELVES AND TO MAKE THEIR SPORT BETTER KNOWN AND TO FIND NEW MEMBERS FOR FASCINATING MOVEMENTS.

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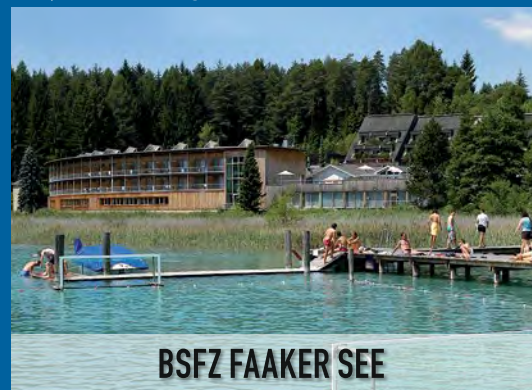
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