



International Relations Report

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1. IOC/OS

We have maintained regular communication with the IOC, primarily through Josep Escoda. In April, during the ICECP (International Coaching Enrichment Certification Program), Tracy Lamb and Josep Escoda met with IOC representatives (Yassine Yousfi, Kaveh Mehrabi, Rachel Spry) to continue discussion on the ASPC Seven Year Plan.

We are awaiting a response from the IOC regarding areas where we can best collaborate.

*** Seven Year Plan**

- * Support developing countries through OS
 - * Current Forum programs provide feedback to aid developing Centers
- * OS grants tied to ASPC locations
 - * Quality ASPC Centers to insure positive camps – Olympic village feel
 - * Team Support Grants from OS to ASPC Centers
- * ASPC members as model centers
 - * Already providing support and guidance to developing Centers –site visits
 - * ASPC Members as connecting points for resources and content on Olympic Channel and ALG material
- * Focus: Africa, Asia, South America
 - * ASPC forum continues to aid and support the positive development of Training centers to help develop more athletes at a fair cost to the NOC.

The IOC continues to elevate the status of the Olympic Channel which has a focus on content that will include “live sporting events, news, athlete stories and footage from IOC archives”. Additionally, the audience focus is “educational and youth oriented programming, sustainability, sport science and nutrition”. This is a role for the ASPC as we are in daily contact with the athletes and their coaches.

2. ASIA (Association of Sports Institutes in Asia)



We have re-established a good relationship with ASIA via Alex Baumann and it is our belief that the objectives of ASIA and ASPC are very similar.

We continue to receive updates received from Dr. Takeshi Kukidome who has accepted the role of ASPC Continental Vice President for Asia and he provides regular communication on ASIA activities and clarity on ASIA role compared to ASPC role.

Recently and due to a collaboration between Barça and the IOC we had the chance to connect with Elena Chakaraova Secretary from OCA, Olympic Committees of Asia, during an internship in Barcelona. With this new relation we expect to have the chance to increase the contact and opportunities with the Asian territories.



Further more we had the chance to reconnect with KISS, Korean Institute of Sport through a CAR Internship and expect to get some response back in the near future.

3. ASPC Assessment Tool

At the request of Dr. S. S. Roy (Executive Director, SAI, NSNIS, Patiala), three ASPC volunteers traveled to the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports in Patiala India to provide an objective, third party assessment of their facilities, programs and operations. Specifically, the objectives with the assessment was to: “get advice on certain important aspects related to academics, infrastructure, accommodation, training facilities, training system and sports sciences for improvement”. The leadership team at Patiala is now introducing many of the recommendations offered by the assessment team.

4. ICCE (International Council for Coaching Excellence)



We unsuccessfully explored the possibility of a joint conference with some overlap of key note speakers. We had discussions with John Bales (ICCE President) about the possibility of hosting the ASPC Forum and the ICCE in the same

location in 2019. A joint ‘call for proposals’ was developed by Debbie Low but this did not materialize.

5. IASI (International Association for Sports Information)

We have not had much direct contact with the IASI since the Forum in Puerto Rico. The IASI has a focus to promote greater collaboration and promising practice in the field information management and knowledge transfer across international sport.

6. Sport and Sustainability International

Based on the advice from Victor, we began a conversation with SASI. Josep was able to travel to Paris and attend the the inaugural congress of the SASI at INSEP on 23 May. The mandate is to shift cultural attitudes towards environmentally responsible behavior by sport event organizers and event host communities. The next meeting will take place in Genève by October 5th and Josep will be able to attend at the same time is attending the IOC Academic Advisory Board in Lausanne on the 6th.

Across the world governments and government priorities are changing. The trend is toward diversity, inclusion and participation and these trump performance. It is incumbent upon each of us to be aware of these changes and the trends and, should we desire to access public funds, ensure we align with the new priorities. We also need to demonstrate where else we make a difference and what we have done to generate our own revenue.

We need to continue to search for effective ways of scaling and replicating proven methods to utilize the unique power of sport in positively contributing to addressing societal challenges.