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Sport plays an unrivalled role in human society. The enormous power of sport is one which can bring about great change for the better and this power can be harnessed to spread cultural understanding, peace and well-being. AIMS mission and vision is just that; to unite us as the one spirit that we are.

Where there is unity, and the spirit of teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. It is imperative we continue to work together under good governance fostering our responsibilities of respect, unity, fair play. Sport can allow us to move towards a unified goal to guide, foster, promote and above all to learn from our most important asset, our athletes and our youth.

Sports’ credibility has come into question in recent times, but we must never forget the beauty that sport has given us, and from where we all come. Sometimes we may appear to go backwards in going forwards to tackle challenges but sport is about doing ordinary things extraordinarily.

The campaign symbol of AIMS is a handshake, representing cooperation in our striving to continue to develop sport and education in particular for youth through the principles of the Olympic Movement. And most importantly, the practice of sport must be a given human right.

AIMS has proudly been given IOC recognition. AIMS is a proud member of SportAccord, one of the five umbrella groups working closely together. AIMS will continue to use the services provided by the IOC, SportAccord and the Convention, which in turn strengthens the position of each member and benefits the overall development of sport globally.

The unity of the world sports family, both Olympic and non-Olympic, is key to the development of our shared vision. AIMS’s vision is to share that power of Unity for the benefit of our athletes and our youth, as they will be the future and carry the torch to a time we might not be a part of anymore.
AIMS Conferences

Bangkok 2015

IFMA hosted the AIMS conference in Bangkok from 10th to 13th of August with representatives from the IOC, IWGA, FISU, TAFISA, all recognised IOC groups, the representatives from 23 AIMS recognised sports, IEC in sports, the World Games Channel and many others in attendance.

Her Excellency Mrs Wattanavangkul the Minister of Tourism and Sports opened the conference with a heart-warming speech on behalf of the Royal Thai Government welcoming all sport dignitaries in true Thainess. Thailand is a sporting country and the government is in full support of sporting development. Her Excellency graciously thanked AIMS for choosing Thailand and Bangkok as the host city for the conference and thanked all the delegates for their presence. Mrs Wattanavangkul shook hands with every delegate handing out a hand signed Souvenir book. All representatives from IOC, IWGA, FISU, TAFISA and UN Women, made welcome speeches and AIMS President Stephan Fox presented the plaque of appreciation to all delegates.

Day One: Meeting of AIMS Executive Board & AIMS Conference

The 23 AIMS federations met in Bangkok to restructure AIMS to establish itself as a larger stakeholder in the world of sports. AIMS at the time was made up of 23 members of SportAccord and new constitutional changes were made for its even greater independence in the world of sport. The constitution was changed in close cooperation with the 3 IOC recognised sporting groups, ASOIF, AIOWF, ARISF; and also membership criteria into AIMS have been tightened with the input of the IOC sporting federation.

AIMS President Stephan Fox stated that the meeting was highly successful and the fact that so many sports with highest representation came to Bangkok is a testament of the cooperation and unity of the AIMS family.

AIMS election took place after at the AIMS General Assembly in Bangkok where the new executive board was elected. The AIMS family is looking forward for a close cooperation with ASOIF, AIOWF, ARISF, the IOC and all Olympic recognised stakeholders in sport.

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The exchange of culture, education and sport, and sport for all is an important platform; along with it is protecting each other from splinter groups, cooperation with WADA and using sport as a powerful tool to contribute to society. AIMS is also in close cooperation with Peace and Sport, Generations for Peace and UN Women, UNESCO and UN Habitat.

AIMS is also an important partner of the SportAccord Convention and the Annual General Assembly is held during each year’s convention. Important AIMS meetings, however, will be held and hosted by AIMS Members, for example, in 2015, a convention in Bangkok was hosted by the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur and had speakers from IOC, IWGA, FISU, TAFISA and many others; to share knowledge and information on recognition and inclusion by the various organisations. The 2016 conference was held in the Olympic capital of Lausanne, where speakers from the IOC, WADA, FISU, IWGA, ThinkSport, and many host cities presented.

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DAY TWO: Olympic family presents at AIMS

AIMS President, Mr. Stephan Fox, welcomed all the members of the Olympic family, from the IOC, IWGA, FISU, TAFISA, and many others that congregated in Bangkok for a day of important presentations.

Christian Wassmer, Head of Recognised Stakeholder Relations, IOC, kicked off the day with an important presentation on the IOC Agenda 2020, the Olympic Channel and the future of AIMS within the IOC Movement.

The CEO of the International World Games Association Mr. Joachim Gossow followed. The World Games are an important part of the Olympic Movement as many sports in the Olympics come via the World Games and many AIMS members are already member of the IWGA and included in the World Games. Mr. Gossow presented the IWGA structure and a detailed presentation on the 2017 World Games in Wroclaw, Poland and ensured the close cooperation between IWGA and AIMS.

Mr. Paulo Ferreira, FISU WUC Director, presented on behalf of FISU on the importance of education and sport, the Universiade program, the World Championship program and the first step towards FISU patronage for sports not recognised by FISU.

Dato Sarjit Singh Sekhon, the representative of TAFISA Sport for all, shared his delight to see so many sports and Olympic stakeholders coming together for the meeting in Bangkok and the cooperation between IOC, TAFISA and AIMS in continuing to use sports on all levels and the exchange of sport and culture.

Many other presenters were present such as Anna-Karin Jatfors the Regional Program Manager for UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and the role of sports and sporting heroes in the Campaign, Guy Horne for IEC in Sports an important platform for all federations, Hagen Bossdorf on the World Games Channel, and Mr. Igor Lanzoni presented on behalf of the Pierre de Coubertin foundation.

The meeting can only be hailed a huge success, with federations leaving enlightened on the vital steps towards highest recognition and for a much closer cooperation between the stakeholders in the world of sport. Everyone is looking forward to the next meeting in Lausanne in November and AIMS would like to thank all the participants, Thailand hopes you have enjoyed your time in the beautiful Kingdom.

DAY THREE: The World of Sport Convenes in Thailand

The Royal Thai Government, the Institute of Physical Education, came together for a day of sport, hosting the 23 AIMS sports to have a unique chance to introduce themselves to the sport universities, the Department of Physical Education and other stakeholders in Thai sport.

AIMS President Mr. Fox stated that this gathering is vital to exchange sports, as some are stronger in certain regions while others have no presence at all in certain regions. It is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the sports, awaken interest and work together with higher sporting authorities. The representatives from the IOC, IWGA, FISU and TAFISA applauded the initiatives that will now continue in different regions around the world.

The presenters were informational, pairing with their presentations engaging videos; the physical demonstrations were particularly riveting from the sports of Kendo and Savate.

AIMS Executive board member, Michal Buchel from FIAS, summed it up: “Sport has a unique power, the unity in sport is important for the overall development of each of our sports.”

Lausanne 2016

AIMS takes great pride in its cooperation with the recognised organisations in sporting world. The AIMS conference held on the 19th of April, at the Swisstech Centre in the Olympic Capital of Lausanne was a great success with major and highly respected names in the world of sport, the conference was not only informative but also left a great sense of solidarity towards a united goal – that is the betterment of the world through sport.

The conference was lead by welcome speeches from Mr. Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of ASOIF and SportAccord Convention, Sir Craig Reedie IOC Vice President and President of WADA and President of ARISF Mr. Raffaele Chiulli. The various speakers congratulated AIMS on it’s progress and development through the year, under the leadership of it’s president.
Joint meeting with IOC

History was made in Lausanne when the IOC invited 23 international recognised sporting federations member of AIMS to the IOC headquarter for a joint meeting to remember the day the AIMS executive board and all 23 AIMS federations took a group photo shot together as a reminder on a historical day and to continue to cooperate for one common goal, which is to use the immense power of sport and to continue on their mission to build a better world through sport.

AIMS

Signs MoU with the IOC

A historical MoU was signed on the 19th of April between the IOC represented by IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach and AIMS represented by its counterpart Stephan Fox. The signing ceremony was witnessed by 4 Vice Presidents from the IOC, and IOC Director General Christophe De Kepper, this is a testament of the importance of the signing.

Through this recognition, AIMS has earned the right to be included in the “Olympic Movement Directory”. AIMS proudly supports and promotes the vision and mission of the Olympic Movement in sustaining and developing sports, in educating youth through sport and in continuing to be credible in sport through the applicable principles of the Olympic Movement. The IOC acknowledges the role and leadership of AIMS, and its valuable contribution to support the Olympic Movement.

On the day, AIMS President, Stephan Fox was quoted, “I must thank the IOC President Dr. Bach for his vision, for his mission and for his support of sport and for the international federations that are striving to gain individual recognition by the IOC whom nevertheless work towards good governance and the overall development of sport for the good of society.

Today, 23 international sport federations showed their gratitude to the IOC for the acknowledgement and for opening the doors to the non-Olympic recognised sports. A special thank you must also go to the IOC Sport Department for their professionalism, especially IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell and Head of the IOC Sport Partnerships Jenny Mann.”
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Casting sport is a tournament sport in which skilled athletes compete in fly-casting and plug-casting disciplines. The sport is made up of accuracy-based disciplines and of distance-based disciplines. In both, the athletes use rods which are very similar to angling rods. This sport uses plastic weights or hookless flies, and held on sporting grounds (athletic fields).

The casting history encompasses more than 100 years of its existence. In 1981, one of our disciplines was an exhibition sport at the Olympics in London. The International Casting Federation (ICF) was founded in 1955. Since then world and continental Championships have been organised on a regular basis every year. In the year 2003 the federation changed its name to International Casting Sport Federation and the acronym to ICSF. ICSF is a non-profit-making organization.

ICSF is a member of SportAccord, AIMIS, WGA, CIPS, and accepts the WADA foundation regulations and we are in compliance. We are traditional members of all international sports organizations as mentioned above. We have history but for the seriousness of our sport we would be very pleased to be recognized by the IOC.

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It includes National Federations from 193 countries, and organizes, in a yearly basis, World Championships for Men and Women, as well as for Junior and Master, and Children Fitness, in all the continents.

The Bodybuilding lifestyle is followed by millions of people worldwide. The male categories are Bodybuilding, Classic Bodybuilding, Physique and Fitness. The female categories are Fitness, Bodyfitness, Bikini Fitness and Physique.

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The International SAMBO Federation (FIAS) is a non-governmental organisation and the only recognised international body in charge of developing SAMBO worldwide. The self-defence martial art is present in 120 countries around the globe and there are currently 90 National SAMBO Federations affiliated to FIAS.

With headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, FIAS organises annually numerous international events around the world, including continental and world championships for cadet, youth, juniors and elites, both male and female. Moreover, SAMBO has been included into the program of several multisport events, such as the European, Asian and Central American Games. SAMBO is composed of three disciplines: Sport SAMBO, Combat SAMBO and Beach SAMBO.

As an active member of the IOC, FIAS promotes and complies with the Olympic principles and values.

The Fédération Internationale de Savate (FISav) is the global federation for the sport of Savate and its associated disciplines. Savate is a combat sport, which originated in France in the 18th century. It was a demonstration sport in the 1924 Olympic Games, and is now practised worldwide for competition and for leisure.

Savate proposes 6 main qualities: Ethics, Aesthetics, Education, Effectiveness, which develop fair play, discipline, respect of the rules and of the person, training and performance. It is a sport of opposition where technical quality is taken into account in the decision.

FISav organises Senior World Championships in three disciplines: Assault, Combat and Camer-de-Cam. We also organise World Youth Championships in Assault. We promote clean competition, fair play, health and education for all participants. International Savate competitions are known for their atmosphere of friendship and good sportsmanship.

The International Sepaktakraw Federation (ISTAF) was formed to serve the sport of Sepaktakraw throughout the world and develop the sport into a world-recognized sport. It was created with the vision of Sepaktakraw being played in all countries and in every continent in the world.

ISTAF seeks to nurture and develop the game to the heights this spectacular spectator sport deserves. To this end, ISTAF seeks to foster promotion and sportmanship of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and to further contribute to the professional development of Sepaktakraw by adopting ISTAF’s uniform playing rules and equipment specifications for its tournaments, or any others which seek its sanction, thereby providing an illustration of uniformity for the game.

Sepaktakraw has long remained one of Asia’s best-kept secrets. Often described as a spectacular blend of volleyball, football, martial arts and gymnastics, Sepaktakraw is, in reality, a sport unlike any other. Astonishingly visceral and explosive, it is, at the elite level, one of the toughest games in the world. Demanding lightning reflexes, precise control and fearlessness, gravity-defying leaps, Sepaktakraw delivers some of the most intense sporting action.

The International Soft Tennis Federation (ISTF) is the world governing body for the sport of Soft Tennis and is recognized by SportAccord and AIMS.

Soft tennis is a racket game played on a court of two halves, separated by a net. Like regular tennis, it is played by individuals (singles) or pairs (doubles), whose object is to hit the ball over the net, landing within the confines of the court, with the aim of preventing one’s opponent from being able to hit it back. Soft tennis differs from regular tennis in that it uses soft rubber balls instead of hard yellow balls.

At the end of the 19th century, tennis was introduced to Japan by a Western missionary, and it was later modified to better suit Japanese tastes. A special racquet and ball were developed, and the game became known as soft tennis.

The International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) was founded in 1980 and became members of ISAF (SportAccord) in 1989. IFSS is a member of WADA. With 50-member federations on five continents IFSS has its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

IFSS held the first World Championships on snow in Saint Moritz, Switzerland in 1990 and now World Championships is held every other year on snow (sled- and skidog classes) and on dryland (canicross, bi常eracing, og and scooter). As the world of sled dog sports changed, IFSS also added classes and styles to the World Championships to diversify and become more inclusive of the worldwide trends and developments. Dryland racing saw its first showing in Ravenna, Italy, in 2003.

Continental Championships are held every year when no World Championship is organized. World Cup events are held every year both on snow and on dryland.