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From the President

Accreditation forms have been circulated, accommodation for the more than 2,500 athletes and officials allocated, sports venues tested, computer systems working, just a handful of indications to approaching the big international event. Only three months until it is time for the Opening Ceremony of the 1997 Lahti World Games.

The Organising Committee have expanded their offices as each day more staff are being added while from 21st July they will operate from the World Games Centre at a school building located in the centre of the main sports venues. In the meantime, attention is being increased for the public awareness in Finland about the World Games event. In the last two weeks of April, two or three times a day promotional spots were broadcast on Finnish TV. The entire TV broadcast with a cost of FIM 150,000 was sponsored by the (inter)national communications firm Nokia, the Finnish mobile network Radio Linja and the Lahti local telephone company PHP. A great initiative for which we all are extremely grateful.

To the Lahti Organising Committee we thank you for all the hard work you have done up till now for the successful running of the 5th World Games

This issue of World Games News is focused on many details of the organisation of the 1997 World Games and will also be distributed to national federations involved in the hope that with further inside circulation it will also reach the athletes coming to Lahti. I wish them in particular all the best in the coming months and sincerely hope that their hard training will be successfully rewarded. Good luck and see you all in Lahti!

Ron Froehlich
President

Aerial view of Lahti



1997 World Games Lahti (FIN)



International TV coverage

More international TV contracts ensure more transmission of the TV coverage of the Lahti World Games, by the host television YLE, to households all over the world. Recently also Argentina TV company Torneos signed up for 15 hours. At an earlier stage Trans World International (TWI), the firm selling the TV rights outside Finland, made agreements for transmission in Europe, Russia, Australia, South Korea, Singapore and South Africa.

Collector's items

At the World Games Village, and also at other venues during competitions days, pins, T-shirts, caps, backpacks and waistsacks will be for sale. For the amount of FIM 20, each twelve pins are available showing the Lahti mascot acting as a specific athlete, e.g. in Aerobics, Fin Swimming, Floorball, Korfball, Life Saving, Military Pentathlon, Parachuting, Powerlifting, Roller Skating or Squash. A pin with the plain Lahti Mascot or with the Lahti logo costs the same.



A true collector's item is a bigger size Lahti Mascot pin with lighting (batteries changeable), FIM 35,--. Prices for the garments differ from FIM 50, for a waistsack to FIM 150, for a backpack.

Tourist Information

In Finland live approximately 5 million people with a population density of 17 per square kilometre. Lahti, established in 1905 and located in the southern part of the country and around 100 kilometres north of Helsinki, has about 95.000 inhabitants and is a commercial centre for the surrounding area with about 200.000 people.

In August the average weather conditions in the Lahti area are a daytime temperature of 18°C, sunrise at approx. 5.15 am and sun set at approx. 9.25 pm.

The Finnish currency is markka (FIM). The approximate rates of exchange are: US\$=FIM 5.0333, GB£=FIM 8.021 and DM=2.9895.

International credit cards accepted in Finland are Visa, Eurocard, Access, MasterCard, Diner's Club and American Express.

Banking hours are on Monday till Friday from 09.30 am till 4.30 pm and post offices are mainly open Monday till Friday from 09.30 am till 05.00 pm. Shops are open daily from 09.00 am till 8.00 pm.

Public telephones at post offices, at the railway and bus station as well as at the market square. Most are both for coins and for cards. There are two different kinds of card phones in Lahti, the ones of the Finnish telephone company (Tele) and the ones of the local company (Avantiphones). Phone cards available at post offices and R-kiosks.

Transport

Further to two welcome desks at the airport, one immediately after passport control and the other after passing customs, the Lahti Organising Committee has arranged bus transport (with a duration of about an hour and a half) from the Helsinki Vantaa Airport to the main accreditation office at the World Games Centre and then to the accommodations. The costs for a return ticket are FIM 120, to be paid in advance through the International Federations, which should provide the Organising Committee with the travel details of their athletes.

A shuttle bus service will handle the local transport and in all accommodation venues time tables will be available.

WELCOME TO LAHTI



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Modifications to the competition programme

The number of days for the Tumbling event has been reduced from three to two, only on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th August. Due to technical reasons the venue for Water Ski has changed from the more far away Lake Merrasjärvi to Lake Joutjärvi in the city and on which in July the 7th World Junior Canoe Championships will be held.

FROM THE IWGA

The meeting of the IWGA Executive Committee originally scheduled in Lahti for the second weekend of May has been postponed till Saturday 24th May. The day before the Co-ordination Group will meet to discuss various matters regarding the finishing touches by the organisation of the 1997 Lahti World Games.

The date for the 1997 IWGA Annual General Meeting is provisionally fixed for Friday 17th October, in conjunction with the also amended dates (now 16th - 19th October) for the 31st GAISF Congress - with as theme "Sport and Management" - and General Assembly, both to be held in the Mercator Halle in Duisburg (GER).

FROM AKITA (JPN)

With the IWGA President Ron Froehlich present, the Organising Committee for the 2001 World Games will be formally established in Akita City on Thursday 3rd June. The ceremony will also be attended by the Governor of the Akita Prefecture but due to the outcome of recent elections Mr Kikuji Sasaki (Liberal Democratic Party), leading the Akita delegation to the 1996 IWGA General meeting in Monte Carlo last October, is succeeded by Mr Sukeshiro Terata (New Frontier Party). Governor Terata was formerly the Mayor of Yokote City in the southern part of Akita Prefecture.

A delegation of the Organising Committee, together with representatives of the Akita Prefecture, intends to visit the Lahti organisers from 16th through 19th June to get an impression of the preparations for a World Games event.

Field Archery



On Monday 17th March the new Lausanne headquarters of the Federation de Tir a l'Arc (FITA) were inaugurated.



Among the many guests (from left to right) IAAF (Athletics) President and IOC member Dr Primo Nebiolo, the chief, of police and head of Lausanne's sports department Bernard Metraux and next to hosting FITA President James Easton the IOC President HE Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Aerobics



The World Championships of Sports Aerobics discipline of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), of 1998 were awarded to Rome (ITA) and those of 1999 to Hannover (GER). This year's World Championships, 31st May - 1st June, in Perth (AUS) are the qualifying event for the 1997 World Games.

Body Building



A recent survey published in France shows Body Building is, according to the President of the International Body Building Federation (IBBF) Ben Weider interviewed in the March issue of the Houston Health & Fitness Sports Magazine, the number one of the most popular sports in France. In the same article Weider was quoted that to him a - hopeful - recognition of Body Building by the IOC is of more priority than an immediate participation in the Games.

Bowling



The Brunswick Indoor Recreation Group will contribute, manufacturer of bowling lanes and boat builder, will contribute US\$ 1 million as the exclusive sponsor of the Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs' (FIQ) campaign for bowling's inclusion in the 2004 Olympic Games. Next push toward this goal will be the installation of a unique arena setting for the finals of the 2nd East Asian Games, May 10-11 in Pusan (KOR). At last year's Olympic Games as well as those in 1992 Brunswick made a 12-lane facility available to all participants in the Games.

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Nation-wide Representation

Since the previous issue of World Games News - March 1997 - the number of nations most likely to be represented at the 5th World Games in Lahti has slightly reduced from **85** to **81**.

The following provisional list shows the (abbreviated) name and the particular sport(s) - D within brackets stands for Demonstration programme:

Algeria (ALG)	Boule Lyonnaise (D)	Japan (JPN)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Karate, Parachuting, Powerlifting, Trampoline, Tug of War Indoor W(D), Tumbling
Argentina (ARG)	Artistic Roller Skating, Fistball, Powerlifting, Roller Hockey, Speed Roller Skating, Squash, Tumbling	Jordan (JOR)	Body Building
Australia (AUS)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Boule Lyonnaise(D), Bowling, Dance Sport, Karate, Korfball, Powerlifting, Speed Roller Skating, Squash, Trampoline, Water Ski	Kazakstan (KAZ)	Powerlifting, Tumbling
Austria (AUT)	Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Fistball, Ju-Jitsu, Military Pentathlon(D), Powerlifting	Korea (KOR)	Body Building, Bowling
Azerbaijan (AZE)	Sports Acrobatics	Latvia (LAT)	Trampoline
Bahrein (BAH)	Powerlifting	Lebanon (LIB)	Body Building
Belarus (BLR)	Parachuting, Sports Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling, Water Ski	Liechtenstein (LIE)	Body Building
Belgium (BEL)	Body Building, Bowling, Field Archery, Korfball, Life Saving, Military Pentathlon(D), Powerlifting, Speed Roller Skating, Sports Acrobatics, Tumbling, Water Ski	Lithuania (LIT)	Body Building, Dance Sport
Brazil (BRA)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Bowling, Fistball, Ju-Jitsu, Military Pentathlon(D), Roller Hockey, Trampoline, Tumbling	Madagascar (MAD)	Pétanque
Bulgaria (BUL)	Powerlifting, Sports Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling	Malaysia (MAS)	Body Building, Bowling
Canada (CAN)	Body Building, Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Powerlifting, Squash, Trampoline, Tumbling, Water Ski	Mexico (MEX)	Body Building, Bowling, Field Archery
Chile (CHI)	Speed Roller Skating	Moldova (MDA)	Tumbling
China (CHN)	Bowling, Fin Swimming, Military Pentathlon(D), Parachuting, Sports Acrobatics, Tumbling	Morocco (MAR)	Body Building, Pétanque
Colombia (COL)	Artistic Roller Skating, Bowling, Speed Roller Skating, Water Ski	Netherlands (NED)	Body Building, Casting, Field Archery, Ju-Jitsu, Korfball, Life Saving, Parachuting, Squash, Trampoline, Tug of War, Tug of War Indoor W(D), Water Ski
Costa Rica (CRC)	Bowling	New Zealand (NZL)	Body Building, Powerlifting, Squash, Trampoline, Water Ski
Croatia (CRO)	Boule Lyonnaise(D)	Norway (NOR)	Body Building, Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Floorball(D), Military Pentathlon(D), Pétanque, Powerlifting
Cuba (CUB)	Artistic Roller Skating	Pakistan (PAK)	Body Building, Squash
Cyprus (CYP)	Body Building	Philippines (PHI)	Body Building, Bowling
		Poland (POL)	Body Building, Casting, Dance Sport, Parachuting, Powerlifting, Sports Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling
		Portugal (POR)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Korfball, Roller Hockey, Trampoline, Tumbling
		Puerto Rico (PUR)	Bowling

Czech Republic (CZE)	Casting, Field Archery, Parachuting, Powerlifting, Trampoline	Romania (ROM)	Casting
Denmark (DEN)	Bowling, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Ju-Jitsu, Military Pentathlon(D), Parachuting, Powerlifting, Squash, Trampoline	Russia (RUS)	Body Building, Dance Sport, Fin Swimming, Karate, Military Pentathlon(D), Parachuting, Powerlifting, Sports Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling
Egypt (EGY)	Body Building, Squash	Scotland (SCO)	Squash, Trampoline
England (ENG)	Bowling, Dance Sport, Squash, Tug of War, Tug of War Indoor W(D)	Singapore (SIN)	Body Building, Bowling
Estonia (EST)	Casting, Dance Sport	Slovakia (SVK)	Body Building, Casting, Dance Sport, Karate, Trampoline
Finland (FIN)	Body Building, Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Floorball(D), Life Saving, Military Pentathlon(D), Parachuting, Pétanque, Powerlifting, Roller Hockey, Speed Roller Skating, Squash, Water Ski	Slovenia (SLO)	Boule Lyonnaise(D), Dance Sport, Field Archery, Ju-Jitsu, Parachuting
France (FRA)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Boule Lyonnaise (D), Bowling, Casting, Fin Swimming, Ju-Jitsu, Karate, Life Saving, Parachuting, Pétanque, Powerlifting, Speed Roller Skating, Squash, Trampoline, Tumbling, Water Ski	South Africa (RSA)	Body Building, Casting, Dance Sport, Life Saving, Parachuting, Squash, Tumbling, Water Ski
Germany (GER)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Fistball, Ju-Jitsu, Korfball, Life Saving, Parachuting, Pétanque, Powerlifting, Speed Roller Skating, Squash, Trampoline, Tug of War, Water Ski	Spain (ESP)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Ju-Jitsu, Karate, Life Saving, Pétanque, Roller Hockey, Speed Roller Skating, Squash, Trampoline, Tug of War, Tug of War Indoor W(D), Water Ski
Georgia (GEO)	Trampoline	Sweden (SWE)	Body Building, Bowling, Casting, Field Archery, Floorball(D), Ju-Jitsu, Karate, Life Saving, Military Pentathlon(D), Powerlifting, Squash, Trampoline, Tug of War, Tug of War Indoor W(D)
Great Britain (GBR)	Artistic Roller Skating, Field Archery, Karate, Powerlifting, Speed Roller Skating, Sports Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling, Water Ski	Switzerland (SUT)	Body Building, Casting, Dance Sport, Fistball, Floorball(D), Parachuting, Trampoline, Tug of War, Water Ski
Greece (GRE)	Karate, Water Ski	Syria (SYR)	Body Building, Military Pentathlon (D)
Guam (GUM)	Body Building	Taipei (TPE)	Bowling, Dance Sport, Korfball, Powerlifting
Hong Kong (HKG)	Squash	Thailand (THA)	Pétanque
Hungary (HUN)	Body Building, Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Sports Acrobatics	Tunisia (TUN)	Pétanque
India (IND)	Powerlifting	Turkey (TUR)	Body Building, Karate
Indonesia (INA)	Powerlifting	Ukraine (UKR)	Body Building, Powerlifting, Sports Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling
Iraq (IRG)	Body Building	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Body Building
Iran (IRI)	Karate	United States (USA)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Karate, Parachuting, Powerlifting, Speed Roller Skating, Squash, Trampoline, Tug of War Indoor W(D), Tumbling, Water Ski, WeightliftingW
Ireland (IRE)	Body Building, Squash, Tug of War	Uzbekistan (UZB)	Trampoline
Israel (ISL)	Powerlifting	Wales (WAL)	Squash.
Italy (ITA)	Artistic Roller Skating, Body Building, Boule Lyonnaise (D), Dance Sport, Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Fistball, Ju-Jitsu, Life Saving, Parachuting, Pétanque, Roller Hockey, Speed Roller Skating, Water Ski		

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To provide these lesser known sports with the media exposure and popularity they require for their further development, the IWGA and its Member Federations organize every four years a multi-sports event called WORLD GAMES.

The following International Sports Federations (in alphabetical order of their sports' names) are affiliated to the IWGA:

FIA (Aikido), IFBB (Bodybuilding), FIQ (Bowling), ICF (Casting), IDSF (Dance Sport), CMSA (Fin Swimming), IFV (Fistball), WFDF (Flying Disc), IJF (Ju-Jitsu), FMK (Karate), IKF (Korfball), ILS (Life Saving), IFNA (Netball), IOF (Orienteering), FAI (Parachuting), FIPV (Pelota Vasca), IPF (Powerlifting), IRF (Racquetball), FIRS (Roller Skating), FIAS (Sombo), IFSA (Sports Acrobatics), CMSB (Sports Boules), WSF (Squash), ISA (Surfing), WTF (Taekwondo), FIT (Trampoline), TWIF (Tug of War), IWSF (Water Ski).

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Accommodations

The more than 2,500 athletes and officials are to be accommodated in various venues in and around Lahti. The Lahti Organising Committee made the following allocation for the different sports during their determined stay next August.



Hotel Tallukka (1 on the map) 25km from Lahti City centre

Tallukantie 1
17200 Vääksy
Tel +358 3 88881
Fax +358 3 7661529

Email: Tallukka@sci.fi

Sport Acrobatics / Tumbling	09-13
Trampoline / Tumbling	09-13
Tug of War W (D)	14-17
Tug of War M	17-17



Lathi Folk Highschool (5) 1km from Lahti City centre

Harjukatu 46
15100 Lahti

Kujala Agricultural School (6) 5km from Lahti City centre

Linnaistentie 33
15150 Lahti
Tel +358 3 7846900
Fax +358 3 7846914

Email: not yet operating

Water Ski	06-11
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Hennala Garrison (4) 1km from Lahti City Centre

PO Box 5
15701 Lahti
Tel +358 3 8166111
Fax +358 3 8166480

Email: not yet operating

Life Saving	06-09
Field Archery	06-10
Karate	06-10
Parachuting	06-12
Fin Swimming	09-12
Korfball	11-17
Military Pentathlon (D)	12-17
Ju-Jitsu	13-16
Roller Hockey	13-17

Mukkula Summerhotel 4km from Lahti City Centre

Tel +358 3 7523344
Fax +358 3 7523322

Email: lahden.kansanopisto@lahdenko.sci.fi

Dance Sport	08-11
Aerobics	13-16



Siikaniemi Residential College (2) 16km from Lahti
City centre Siikaniementie 210

16730 Kutajärvi
Tel +358 3 788 1521
Fax +358 3 7881534

Email: not available

Boule Lyonnaise (D)	07-10
Pétanque	07-10

Adult Education Centre (3) 4km from Lahti City Centre

Katsastajankatu 16
15800 Lahti
Tel +358 3 82815
Fax +358 3 8283536

Email: not available

Body Building	06-09
Bowling	06-10

Ritaniemenkatu 10
15240 Lahti
Tel +358 3 8823500
Fax +358 3 8823522

Email: soon to be available

Weightlifting W	06-10
Powerlifting	07-10
Squash	11-15



Pajulathi Sports Center (7) 22km from Lahti City
centre

15560 Nastola

Tel +358 3 885511

Fax +358 3 885522

Email: not available

Speed Roer Skating	07-11
Fistball	07-11
Casting	08-12
Artistic Roller Skating	09-13
Floorball (D)	12-17

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Those who are not included in the agreed numbers of athletes and officials for which the Lahti Organising Committee is paying accommodation, breakfast and one hot meal a day, should book accommodation via Travel Agency Area Ltd, tel +358 9 818383 and fax + 358 9 8183243, PO Box, 00251 Helsinki. The price for hotel accommodation to range from FIM 430, to FIM 340 or FIM 220, per person in a double room.