



**From the President**

I am very pleased to report that the World Games took a great step forward during the annual meetings of the IWGA and the GAISF in Monte Carlo in October. Three important decisions were finalised: first, Kikuji Sasaki, the Governor of the Akita Prefecture, signed the agreement for hosting the 2001 World Games; second, the IWGA Annual General Meeting unanimously ratified the contract; and third, the GAISF approved a recommendation encouraging the IOC to help in the development of the World Games. I know you share my strong personal feelings toward this expansion of our quadrennial celebration. I extend my sincere Thank You! to my colleagues of the IWGA Executive Committee for their essential input and teamwork without which our success would not have been possible.

I also take this opportunity to extend my very best wishes for this season and the coming year to all Members of IWGA, the Lahti and Akita Organising Committees, and all readers of the World Games News.

*Ron Froelich*  
President



The Governor of Akita Prefecture and IWGA President pleased with the signed contract



Presentation of medals to Dr. Kim and Ron Froelich by the Lahti delegation

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## **1997 WORLD GAMES LAHTI (FIN)**

### **Medals**

At the annual GAISF meeting sets of medals of the 5th World Games were presented to IOC Member, President of GAISF and IWGA Hon.

Founder President Dr Un Yong Kim, and to IWGA President Ron Froehlich.

IOC Member HSH Prince Albert of Monaco also received a collection. In total about one thousand medals will be produced. On the front side of the awards is the logo of Lahti while on the reverse that of the IWGA is pictured.



HSH Prince Albert meeting the Lahti delegation

### **TV Coverage**

The host Broadcaster, YLE, will produce 45 minutes of daily highlights at 14.00 and 20.00 hrs and some live coverage of Aerobics, Bowling, Dance Sport, Floorball and Squash. Total cost for the production is about \$ 700.000 U.S.

Although negotiations by Trans World International (TWI) are still going on, the World Games will appear on pan-European cable and satellite sports service Eurosport (30 hours), Australian cable TV Fox Sport (8 hours), Russian sports cable network NTV (30 hours), Middle East satellite and pay-TV ART (30 hours) and South Korean cable network KBS (15 hours).

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## **Mayor of Lahti chairs Organising Committee**

Since recently the Mayor of Lahti Kari Salmi is acting as the President of the Lahti Organising Committee succeeding Seppo Valisalo. Earlier this year Kari Salmi showed his interest in the organisation for the 1997 World Games meeting the Co-ordination Group at his City Hall offices.

### **Finnair Official Carrier**

The Finnish airline company Finnair will act as the official carrier for the Lahti World Games. To learn the traveling plans of the competitors and their officials all International Federations involved have been asked to contact the nearest Finnair office. Special fares for group traveling and overweight charges will be decided at a later stage.

### **Meeting Technical Delegates**



Meeting technical Delegates in Lahti

During mid November most of the Technical Delegates appointed by the International Federations attended a meeting in Lahti organised by the Lahti Organising Committee. Main topic was the arrangements to ensure smoothly run competitions. Most likely another meeting will take place in Spring 1997.

By the end of November, the Finnish national federations of the sports on the World Games program were informed about the current state of affairs and their role in the 1997 World Games organisation.

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## FROM FEDERATIONS



### AGFIS / GAISF

The 30th General Assembly of GAISF accepted a recommendation that the IOC should assist in the development of the World Games. This following to a Congress with as theme "Olympism in the 21st Century" at which one of the speakers was IWGA President Ron Froehlich.

Dr Un Yong Kim was unanimously re-elected as President of the GAISF Council as were Dr. Tamas Ajan as Vice President, Ron Froehlich as Treasurer, Peter Tallberg as Secretary General and Les McDonald, Gian Franco Kasper, Primo Nebiolo and Horst Schreiber as Members. Hein Verbruggen, a new Member, was elected to replace Etienne Allard who had resigned. Next year's GAISF Congress and General Assembly will take place in the German city of Duisburg from 1st to 18th October.



IWGA President at GAISF Congress



GAISF Council

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#### AEROBICS

In October the second World Championships of Sport Aerobics, conducted by the International Gymnastic Federation (FIG), were held in The Hague (NED). A total of 153 athletes (78 female, 75 male) from 31 nations took part. Individual medals went to **Isamara Secati** (BRA), **Juanita Little** (AUS), **Chloé Maigre** (FRA), and to **Kwang-Soo Park** (KOR), **Kalojan Kaloianov** (BUL), **daudio Franzen** (BRA).

Spain won the Mixed Pair competition with Brazil second and Russia third while Romania won the Trio event with Korea second and Hungary third. Next year's World Championships, in Perth (AUS) 31st May - 1st June, will be regarded as qualifier for the 1997 World Games.

The current telephone and fax numbers of the FIG offices are: +41 32 4946410 and +41 32 4946419.



#### BODY BUILDING

The Congress of the International Body Building Federation (IFBB), meeting in the Jordanian capital Amman in conjunction with the 1996 Men's World Championships, decided that as from the 1997

World Championships in Prague (CZE) the three medalists in each category will be drug tested as well as a number of randomly selected athletes. In 1998 all IFBB international events will be drug tested in this manner. Penalties for a positive test are two years for a first-time offence and life for a second offence. National federations are also sanctioned for sending non-tested athletes to international events. In the 1996 World Championships, held under the patronage of HM King Hussein and crown Prince Hassan, 60 countries participated with 176 athletes.



#### DANCE SPORT

For the second year in a row the Italians **Massimo Giorgianni** and **Alessia Manfredini** are World Champions in the Standard category.

This year's second place went to **Christopher Hawkins** and **Hazel Newberry** from England (finishing third last year) while the bronze went to another Italian couple, **William Pino** and **Alessandra Bucciarelli** (fourth in 1995).

The 1996 Latin World Champion is the German pair **Ralf Muller** and **Olga Müller-Omeeltchenko**. Silver went to **Michael Wentink** and **Beata Onefater** from South Africa while the Danish couple **Holger Nitsche** and **Charlotte Egstrand** took third.



#### LIFE SAVING

During the November meeting of the Board of Directors of International Life Saving (ILS),



#### FIELD ARCHERY

The offices of the International Archery Federation (FITA) have been moved from Milan to Lausanne.

The current address is Avenue de Cour 135, Ch-1007 Lausanne. Numbers for telephone and fax are +41 21 6143050 and +41 21 6143055.



#### ORIENTEERING

Beginning 1st January 1997, the offices of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) will move from Sweden to Finland. The new address is:

Radiokatu 20, 00093 Slu, Finland,  
tel +358 9 34913112 and fax +358 9 34813113.



#### SQUASH

Mrs Susie Sincock from New Zealand has become the first woman to be elected President of the World Squash Federation (WSF), after serving as its Vice President since 1989. Mrs Sincock is a Governor of New Zealand's SDOrts Foundation and an Executive Member of the country's Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association. By admitting three new countries - Colombia, Tanzania and Indonesia -, the WSF now boasts 111 members, looking after the interests of more than 15 million squash players worldwide.



#### TRAMPOLINE

As of 1st January, 1997 the President of the International Trampoline Federation (FIT) will act as President of ARISF, the organisation of Olympic Recognised Federations. Ron Froehlich succeeds the former Vice President of Squash Philippe Van der Ven.

At the ARISF AGM, 21st May in Lausanne, new elections will be held.

The current telephone and fax numbers of the FIT offices are:  
+41 32 4946410 and +41 32 4946419.



#### WEIGHTLIFTING

Women's Weightlifting has been accepted by the IOC as an event on the programme of the Olympic Games. Depending on further discussions between the IOC and the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) the Women's competition might even be included in the Sydney Games in 2000.

President Kevin Weldon from Australia resigned for business reasons after being in this position since the foundation of the ILS. Until formal elections in 1998, the post will be held by Derek Whitting from South Africa currently Secretary of the ILS Sports Commission.

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### FOR THE CALENDAR



#### World Games Qualifying Competitions (*additions to the schedule Italics*)

Artistic Roller Skating	01-08 Dec	Mar del Plata (ARG)	World Championships
<i>Boule Lyonnaise (D)</i>	<i>24-25 May</i>	Saluzzo (ITA)	<i>Woman's Qualifying Tournament</i>
<i>Aerobics</i>	<i>31-01 May</i>	Perth (AUS)	<i>3rd World Championships</i>

### Nation-wide representation

Since the previous issue of World Games News in October 1996 the number of nations most likely to be represented at the 5th World Games in Lahti has increased to 65.

The following lists the nations and sports presently scheduled for the 1997 World Games. Recent additions are in *italics* and sports followed by a (D) means the sport is on the demonstration programme.

#### Argentina (ARG)

Fistball, Roller Hockey, *Speed Roller Skating* , Squash, Tumbling

#### Australia (AUS)

Body Building, *Boule Lyonnaise (D)* , Field Archery, Korfball, Speed RollerSkating, Squash, Trampoline, Water Ski

#### Austria (AUT)

Body Building, Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Fistball, Ju-Jitsu, *Military Pentathlon (D)*

#### Azerbaijan (AZE)

*Sports Acrobatics*

#### Barbados (BAR)

Body Building

#### Belarus (BLR)

*Sports Acrobatics*, Trampoline, *Tumbling* , water Ski

#### Belgium (BEL)

Body Building, Bowling, Field Archery, Korfball, Life Saving, *Military Pentathlon(D)* , *Speed Roller Skating*, *Sports Acrobatics* , Tumbling, water Ski

#### Brazil (BRA)

Body Building, Fistball, Jujitsu, *Military Pentathlon(D)* , Roller Hockey, Tumbling

#### Bulgaria (BUL)

Casting, Sports Acrobatics, *Tumbling*

#### Canada (CAN)

Body Building, Casting, Field Archery, Squash, Trampoline, Tumbling, water Ski

#### Chile (CHI)

*Speed Roller Skating*

#### France (FRA)

Body Building, *Boule Lyonnaise (D)* , Bowling, Casting, Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Ju-Jitsu, Life Saving, *Parachuting*, *Pétanque*, *Speed Roller Skating* , Squash, Trampoline, Tumbling, Water Ski

#### Germany (GER)

Body Building, Bowling, Casting, *Dance Sport* , Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Fistball, Ju-Jitsu, Korfball, Life Saving, *Parachuting*, *Pétanque*, *Speed Roller Skating* , Squash, Trampoline, Tug of War, Water Ski

#### Great Britain (GBR)

Field Archery, *Speed Roller Skating*, *Sports Acrobatics* , Trampoline, Tumbling, Water Ski

#### Greece (GRE)

Water Ski

#### Hong Kong (HKG)

Squash,

#### Hungary (HUN)

Body Building, Field Archery, Fin Swimming, *Sports Acrobatics*

#### Ireland (IRE)

Body Building, Squash, Tug of War

#### Italy (ITA)

Body Building, *Boule Lyonnaise (D)* , Casting, *Dance Sport* , Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Fistball, Jujitsu, Life Saving, *Parachuting*, *Pétanque* , Roller Hockey, *Speed Roller Skating* , water Ski

#### Japan (JPN)

Body Building, Casting,

#### Poland (POL)

Body Building, Casting, *Parachuting*, *Sports Acrobatics* , Trampoline, Tumbling

#### Portugal (POR)

Body Building, Korfball, Roller Hockey, Trampoline, Tumbling

#### Romania (ROM)

Casting

#### Russia (RUS)

Body Building, Fin Swimming, *Military Pentathlon (D)*, *Parachuting*, *Sports Acrobatics* , Trampoline, Tumbling

#### Scotland (SCO)

Squash, Trampoline

#### Singapore (SIN)

Body Building

#### Slovakia (SVK)

Body Building, Casting, Dance Sport, Trampoline

#### Slovenia (SLO)

*Boule Lyonnaise (D)* , Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Ju-Jitsu, *Parachuting*

#### South Africa (RSA)

Body Building, Casting, Life Saving, *Parachuting* , Squash, Tumbling, Water Ski

#### Spain (ESP)

Body Building, Casting, Ju-Jitsu, Life Saving, *Pétanque* , Roller Hockey, *Speed Roller Skating* , Squash, Trampoline, Tug of War, *Tug of War Indoor W (D)* , Water Ski

#### Sweden (SWE)

Body Building, Bowling, Casting, *Dance Sport* , Field Archery, *Floorball (D)* , Jujitsu, Life Saving, *Military Pentathlon (D)* , Squash,

<b>China (CHN)</b> Fin Swimming, <i>Military Pentathlon(D)</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Sports Acrobatics</i> , <i>Tumbling</i>	Field Archery, Parachuting, Trampoline, <i>Tug of War Indoor W (D)</i> , <i>Tumbling</i>	Trampoline, Tug of War, <i>Tug of War Indoor W (D)</i>
<b>Colombia (COL)</b> <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , water Ski	<b>Jordan (JOR)</b> Body Building	<b>Switzerland (SUI)</b> Body Building, Casting, Field Archery, <i>Fistball</i> , <i>Floorball (D)</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , Trampoline, Tug of War, Water Ski
<b>Croatia (CRO)</b> <i>Boule Lyonnaise(D)</i>	<b>Kazakstan (KAZ)</b> <i>Tumbling</i>	<b>Syria (SYR)</b> Body Building, <i>Military Pentathlon (D)</i>
<b>Cyprus (CYP)</b> Body Building	<b>Korea (KOR)</b> Body Building	<b>Taipei (TPE)</b> Korfball
<b>Czech Republic (CZE)</b> Body Building, Casting, Field Archery, <i>Parachuting</i> , Trampoline	<b>Lithuania (LIT)</b> Body Building, <i>Dance Sport</i>	<b>Thailand (THA)</b> Pétanque
<b>Denmark (DEN)</b> Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Ju-Jitsu, <i>Military Pentathlon (D)</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Squash</i> , Trampoline	<b>Madagascar (MAD)</b> <i>Pétanque</i>	<b>Thailand (THA)</b> Pétanque
<b>Egypt (EGY)</b> Body Building, Squash	<b>Malaysia (MAS)</b> Body Building	<b>Trinidad and Tobago (TRI)</b> Body Building
<b>England (ENG)</b> Body Building, Bowling, Dance Sport, Squash, Tug of War, <i>Tug of War Indoor W (D)</i>	<b>Mexico (MEX)</b> Body Building	<b>Tunisia (TUN)</b> Pétanque
<b>Estonia (EST)</b> Casting, Dance Sport	<b>Moldova (MDA)</b> <i>Tumbling</i>	<b>Turkey (TUR)</b> Body Building
<b>Finland (FIN)</b> Body Building, Bowling, Casting, Dance Sport, Field Archery, Fin Swimming, Floorball (D), Life Saving, <i>Military Pentathlon(D)</i> , <i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Pétanque</i> , Roller Hockey, <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , Squash, Water Ski	<b>Morocco (MAR)</b> <i>Pétanque</i>	<b>Ukraine (UKR)</b> Body Building, <i>Sports Acrobatics</i> , Trampoline, <i>Tumbling</i>
	<b>Netherlands (NED)</b> Body Building, Casting, Field Archery, Ju-Jitsu, Korfball, Life Saving, <i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Squash</i> , Trampoline, Tug of War, <i>Tug of War Indoor W (D)</i> , Water Ski	<b>United States (USA)</b> Body Building, <i>Bowling</i> , Casting, Field Archery, <i>Parachuting</i> , <i>Speed Roller Skating</i> , <i>Squash</i> , Trampoline, <i>Tug of War Indoor W (D)</i> , <i>Tumbling</i> , Water Ski
	<b>New Zealand (NZL)</b> Squash, Trampoline, Water Ski	<b>Uzbekistan (UZB)</b> Trampoline
	<b>Norway (NOR)</b> Body Building, Casting, <i>Dance Sport</i> , Field Archery, <i>Floorball (D)</i> , <i>Military Pentathlon(D)</i> , <i>Pétanque</i>	<b>Wales (WAL)</b> Squash
	<b>Pakistan (PAK)</b> Body Building, Squash	
	<b>Philippines (PHI)</b> Body Building	

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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), IJJF (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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## Revised Programme 1997 World Games

Recently the Lahti Organising Committee made additional changes to the programme for the 1997 World Games. The dates for Aerobics is now 15th and 16th and for Body Building 8th and 9th August. The two days competition of Dance Sport will now start on Sunday 10th August.

Due to decisions made at the recent Congress of the International Aikido Federation, their activities on the Demonstration programme will be limited to one day: Wednesday 13th August.

The amended programme reads:

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## FROM THE IWGA

### 1996 Annual General Meeting



Delegates preparing the AGM

A record 25 Member Federations attended the 1996 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 17th October in Monte Carlo. It was unanimously agreed to have the 2001 World Games hosted by the City of Akita Japan). Also unanimously the IWGA President Ron Froehlich had been nominated to represent World Games and other sports at the GAISF Council. Furthermore it was agreed that, prior to the outcome of a study for possible revision of the Constitution and Regulations as well as the World Games Rules, the date for nominations of athletes by name is amended to eight weeks i.e. no later than 7th June, 1997 instead of only 15 days before the start of the Games.

Next year's AGM will be held in conjunction with the 1997 GAISF Congress and Assembly, 15th - 18th October in Duisburg (GER).



Start of the IWGA AGM in the presence of Hon. Founder President Dr. Kim

### 2001 WORLD GAMES AKITA (JPN)

As stated in the Agreement between IWGA and the Akita Prefecture, the 2001 World Games will be held from 16th August to 26th August. No later than 1st April 1998, the Co-ordination Group (composed of representatives of IWGA and the Akita Organising Committee) will be established. This Group meets two times annually in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. A maximum of 2,500 athletes will be provided with three meals a day and free accommodation during the competition as well as for three days thereafter.



IWGA Secretary General Co Koren (left) watching the signing of contract

At the Monte Carlo meetings Kikuji Sasaki, Governor of the Akita Prefecture, and Masami Tanifuji, President of the Akita Prefecture Assembly, headed a large delegation which included the Japan World Game Association (JWGA).

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	Thu 7	Fri 8	Sat 9	Sun 10	Mon 11
Sport Centre	Opening Ceremony		Fistball	Fistball	Fistball
Swimming Pool		Life Saving	Life Saving		Fin Swimming
SUURHALLI Sports Hall		Karate, Weightlifting <b>W</b>	Karate, Weightlifting <b>W</b> , Powerlifting	Karate, Weightlifting <b>W</b> , Powerlifting	Sport Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling
SUURHALLI Exhibition					Squash (Semi-Finals)
KISAPUISTO Sports Park			Pétanque, Boule Lyonnaise	Pétanque, Boule Lyonnaise, Casting	Casting
URHEILUTALO A				Dance Sport	Dance Sport
URHEILUTALO B					
JÄÄHALLI Ice hall					Artistic, Roller Hockey
FELLMANNI PARK/ SUURHALLI Parking			Speed Roller Skating	Speed Roller Skating	Speed Roller Skating
Lahti City Theatre		Body Building	Body Building		
JOKIMMA Horse Racing		Parachuting	Parachuting	Parachuting	Parachuting
Bowling Centre		Bowling	Bowling	Bowling	
SALPAUSSELKÄ RIDGES		Field Archery	Field Archery	Field Archery	
HENNALA / HÄLAVÄLA					
Squash Centres					
Lake Merrasärvi		Water Ski	Water Ski	Water Ski	Water Ski

	Tue 12	Wed 13	Thu 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Sun 17
Sport Centre					Military Pentathlon	Closing Ceremony
Swimming Pool	Fin Swimming			Military Pentathlon		
SUURHALLI Sports Hall	Sports Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling	Sports Acrobatics, Trampoline, Tumbling	Floorball	Floorball	Floorball Tug-of-War <b>W</b>	Floorball, Tug-of-War <b>W</b>
SUURHALLI Exhibition					Squash (Semi-Finals)	Squash (Finals)
KISAPUISTO Sports Park	Casting	Pesäpallo	Pesäpallo	Pesäpallo	Tug-of-War <b>M</b> , Pesäpallo	Tug-of-War <b>M</b>
URHEILUTALO <b>A</b>		Korfball	Korfball	Korfball	Korfball	Korfball
URHEILUTALO <b>B</b>		Aikido		Ju-Jitsu	Ju-Jitsu	
JÄÄHALLI Ice hall	Artistic Roller Skating	Artistic Roller Skating	Roller Hockey	Roller Hockey	Roller Hockey	Roller Hockey
FELLMANNI PARK/ SUURHALLI Parking						
Lahti City Theatre				Aerobics	Aerobics	
JOKIMMA Horse Racing	Parachuting	(Parachuting)	(Parachuting)			
Bowling Centre						
SALPAUSSELKÄ RIDGES						
HENNALA / HÄLAVÄLA			Military Pentathlon	Military Pentathlon		
Squash Centres						
Lake Merrasärvi						