

SPORTACCORD SEOUL 2006

IOC – GAISF – ASOIF – MEETINGS

FROM APRIL 3 TO 7, 2006, IN SEOUL, KOREA, THE 4TH EDITION OF SPORTACCORD, THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT ANNUAL SPORTS CONVENTION, TOOK PLACE. THE IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ITS SPRING MEETING DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, WHILE THE ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER OLYMPIC INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS HELD ITS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE 28 SUMMER OLYMPIC SPORTS FEDERATIONS MET WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE IOC.

In addition, the Winter Sports Olympic Federations as well as the IOC recognized non-Olympic federations held their annual meetings, as did the Associations of the World Games and the Master Games. Finally, the General Association of the International Sport Federations, which now encompasses 101 international sport federations, summer and winter Olympic federa-

tions, IOC-recognized sports federations and other international sports federations, held its annual general assembly. These leaders of the international sports world heard progress reports on the preparations for the Olympic Games in Beijing 2008, the Winter Olympic Games 2010 in Vancouver, Canada, and the Olympic Summer Games in 2012 in London, Great Britain. Reports were also presented

on the preparations for the World Games 2009 to be organized in Kaohsiung City, Chinese Taipei and of the next World Master Games in Sydney, Australia in 2009. With great satisfaction, the ISSF learned that the Olympic shooting sport was well accepted in the programs of the Olympic summer sport games as well as of the World Master Games. In the AGFIS/GAISF General Assembly, six international federations applied for membership and the General Assembly voted in favour of four of these candidates. Already in the 2005 General Assembly in Berlin, the application of the International Practical Shooting Confederation had been rejected and an application for membership was filed again in this year's General Assembly. Its President, Mr. Nick Alexakos, once again set forth that the aim of practical shooting is to obtain as many points as possible in the least amount of time while taking into account the elements of speed, accuracy and power. Practical shooting showed a video and it was possible for those present to observe actions with loaded guns in simulated technical situations. The IPSC used human-shaped targets and Mr. Schreiber, Secretary General of ISSF took the floor and stated that these activities of the IPSC were partially in conflict and rivalled with the activities of the ISSF. He further told the delegates that ISSF firmly believed that IPSC shooting events could not be recognized as sport shooting events because they too closely resembled combat, police and personal defence training to be considered as sports within the Olympic sports community. Targets should not symbolize the killing or the destruction of human beings or animals. The priority of IPSC activities is that of technical training and competition in firearms rather than sport. Mr. Schreiber, therefore, appealed to the delegates of the General Assembly of AGFIS/GAISF not to accept the IPSC as a member of the organization. Only seven votes out of seventy were in favour of granting membership to the IPSC.

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OPENING OF THE ISSF WORLD CUP SEASON 2006

The International Shooting Sport Federation is very pleased to report that this year's world cups had a very successful opening in China. The world cup in rifle and pistol was conducted from March 23 to April 2 on the shooting ranges in the sport centre of Guangzhou, China, and the shotgun world cup followed immediately from April 2 to 11 in Qingyuan City, China. Detailed reports on these two first world cups of the year will be published in the ISSF News and all readers can read about the new world records that have been broken. We congratulate our highly motivated athletes on their excellent performances. As we announced in previous issues, our ISSF TV team covered these two world cups and, in cooperation with the Chinese broadcasting company – TV Guangdong, broadcast detailed reports on both world cups. All the finals and many interviews with the winners can be seen on our website <http://www.issf.tv> and from each world cup two three-minute highlights

were broadcast to EUROVISION from where TV stations from all parts of the world were able to pick up these signals completely free of charge. Within only a few days, we have received quite a number of comments from friends in our shooting sport who have sent congratulations on the excellent work of our TV team and who are eagerly looking forward to further reports on future world cups on our website. The world cup series will continue with the next world cup in rifle and pistol from April 25 to May 3 which our friends from the Brazilian Shooting Federation will hold in Resende. From May 4 to 12, our US Shooting Federation will organize the next world cup in shotgun on the new ranges in the shooting centre at Kerrville, Texas, United States. We are confident that from these two next world cups we will also receive good reports on our website as well as some impressions regarding the locations of these world cups in the form of video clips and interviews with the winners and, perhaps some officials. We welcome any comments from our friends on this new instrument of ISSF.

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Without any question, the highlight of our sport this year will be the 49th ISSF World Shooting Championships which will be held from July 21 to August 5 in Zagreb, Croatia. In connection with these World Championships, the ISSF will also organize the Congress, the General Assembly, the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Administrative Council. In our previous issues we informed all our member federations to pay strict attention to the deadlines for the nomination of candidates for the elections that will be conducted during the General Assembly and the Administrative Council meetings. We remind our athletes of the importance of the nomination of candidates for the election of the Athletes Committee.

We wish all our athletes good training for their participation in the forthcoming world cups and especially for the world championships.

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