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"ARRIVEDERCI" AT KATOWICE!

Once again many historians have chosen our Seminar as an occasion for further investigation as well as a chance to update their studies. The next Seminar of CESH which takes place in Katowice in Poland, has received 50 papers to present in the three day meetings (16-21 September). For those who would like to join the group of participants please make your requests for participation soon at:

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The booklet of the abstracts for Katowice is in the process of being produced. Janusz Slusarczyk (SLUSAR in your e-mail) and Piotr Godlewski are in Göttingen with Arnd Krueger to get the material sorted out.

JUNIOR SCHOLAR-AWARDS "MICHELE DI DONATO" ET "GIOVANNI ROMAGNA"

We have invited young scholars (under 35) to our seminar. They have a renewed chance to win one of the three Junior Scholar-Awards (500 ecu) offered by the Panathlon International Club Clitunno and the Centro Studi ISEF of Florence, which have joined together with Archeomedia®, publishing house, this year. There is another novelty for this year: study grant will be awarded to the best papers presented, while the other grant will be awarded to the best research projects presented. In this way we hope these young researchers, and especially those who have

won this year's awards will collaborate in the future with CESH. The young Researchers under the age of 35 (the same as for the other Di Donato Prizes) are invited to present a research proposal of no more than 5 pages which should include a research hypothesis, a short summary of the research that has already been done in this field, the purpose of the study, the methodology, and a time frame. Internationally comparative studies of a European nature are especially encouraged. The prize money could, e.g., be used for some of the travel expenses to go to archives in other countries.

FIRST "HORST UEBERHORST HONORARY ADDRESS"

CESH is an organization serving particularly the young serious researchers, but one of our fields has produced in the past some fine international scholars which one should not forget to honour to keep up with the tradition of our field. Horst Ueberhorst, Professor emeritus for Sport History at the Ruhr University of Bochum, editor of the most concise 6 volume world History of Physical Education and Sport will be honoured in the future by the annual Horst Ueberhorst Honorary Address within the scope of the CESH seminars.

Prof. Dr. George Eisen (California State University, Pomona, California), the best known capacity of sport under the conditions of the Holocaust, will be the first to deliver this Honorary Address for which we hope that it will be a long series of addresses of some of the finest scholars in our field. Katowice - as you know -- is near Auschwitz, and what is more seeming than to start the series with a lecture about an event that has changed the face of humankind. We hope that Prof. Ueberhorst, Honorary Fellow of the College of CESH, will be present to that distinguished series.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF CESH?

Here are the coordinates of our secretary-treasurer Joachim K. Rühl. The cost of affiliation at CESH is currently fixed at 25 ecu; for students 20 ecu. The affiliation remains in effect for one year. Those who wish to withdraw from CESH should do so

by the 30 of September of each year with a letter addressed to:

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YOUR IDEAS

We are waiting to hear from you with your ideas and new proposals. In the meantime we want to preview a few of our own, to consider during the reunions at Katowice:

- the next seminar could be monothematic, to allow deeper discussions and identify common interests;
- we are looking for a solution for our newsletter, that we would like to establish perhaps as a trimester publication;
- we also need collaborators to set up and run an internet site.

BETTER LATE THEN NEVER!

Finally even in Italy there is a Faculty of Scienze Motorie, following the Bassanini bis Law of 17/5/1997. By next December the politicians have promised to complete the transformation, which they intend to do by April of 1998. We wish to remind the Ministerial Commission charged with putting this project together of our motto: *Cognita historia futurum figurare*. In other words, it is good that the history of physical education and sport remains among the fundamental teachings of the future study curriculum. How otherwise could one define methodologies, trace educational paths, and create new models without knowing precedents?

AND YET WE ADVANCE!

Two magazines have appeared on the Italian horizon on the culture of sport, next to the pioneering *Lancillotto e Nausica* and the younger *Sport e loisir*. *Il Podio* published by CONI, has relied on a veritable "frappe de force" of the most luminary signatures in journalism, culture and national literature: Gian Paolo Ormezzano, Giorgio Tosatti, Gianni Mura, Sergio Zavoli, Lucio Villari, Ida Magli, Luigi Malerba, to cite just a few. The editorial direction has been assigned to Fiammetta Scimonelli together with Giuseppe Brunamontini & Lino Cascioli and

with the supervision of Walter Pedullà. With such a team, it seems that the *Il Podio* will command the highest levels of Italian culture, which increasingly "discovers itself" through reflecting on sports. Together with the historical *Presenza nuova* with its new look, we have another editorial initiative and edited by Ruggero Alcanterini. Many impressive and rare iconographies is hot provided with sources, an important element for experts in the field. The most recent June issue is centered on cycling and the *Giro d'Italia*, with an attached Game board reproducing a "Gioco dell'Oca" from 1911: one of the many finds from Alcanterini's collection.

Lancillotto e Nausica is once again back to publishing on its old schedule, while *Sport e Loisir* has announced a new number. Can it be that the culture of sport in Italy is finally taking off?

WHO IS WHO IN SPORT HISTORY

In Katowice we will get down to our Who is Who in Sport History. We will include several new features which will be useful in the future of our field, such as a data base of the publication list of our members, so that sport historical material which is often quite dispersed can be accessed more easily. We hope that by the end of this year the data base will work properly.

NEWS

The most expensive research project to cover all of the sport history of the former GDR is currently undertaken in Germany. The Federal Government is providing more than 1 Million DM (500.000 ECU) for a 3 year period to study the peculiarities of East German sport (providing also temporary jobs for young researchers). The project is subdivided by period and special fields: 1945 - 65: Göttingen University (Wolfgang Buss, Arnd Krüger, Lorenz Peiffer, Guenther Wonneberger et al.), 1965 - 76: Hannover University (Lorenz Peiffer et al.), 1976 - 89 Potsdam University (HJ Teichler, Gieselher Spitzer et al.), Women: Free University Berlin (Gertrud Pfister). The interesting political and research question is, how much should you involve researchers of the former GDR? Göttingen and Hannover said *yes*, if they are good and were not personally involved in

criminal acts, Potsdam says *No* "they" should not look over the Stasi and other files in which they were involved as actors and not as victims - thus drawing the line far more narrowly. It will be interesting to see which approach will result in better sport historiography. Günther Wonneberger, a former President of ICOSH, one of the two mother organisations of ISHPES is involved in the Göttingen team. The retired Rector of the Keipzig University for Physical Culture is a point in this matter: for one team he is the best expert in the field and an outstanding sport historian -- for the other he was too deeply involved in the political system of the GDR to write its sport history "objectively".

If you want to work in this area, contact any of the research teams. They have by now a very good overview of the archival holdings and can help you to get started with your own research.



CATCH AS CATCH CAN anybody? The Lower Saxony Institute of Sport History (NISH), the oldest German regional sport history association, and a member of CESH, has bought 40 meters of material relating to amateur and professional wrestling, weightlifting and Body Building. The Schaefer Papers are the most complete source in this field available in Europe, containing journals, magazines, programs, photos, newspaper clippings etc. from the beginning of this century to the present. Schaefer who was the most active collector, journalist, functionary in the amateur as well as the professional world made the largest collection which was well ordered by the time of his death. Bernd Wedemeyer, expert author in the field of the history of body building produced a finding aid which is available through the NISH.



The **INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE PIERRE DE COUBERTIN** (CIPC), in collaboration with the University and the Municipality of Le Havre, will organize a conference in the city of Le Havre from the 17th to the 20th of September under the title of "Le Havre Congress 1897-1997. Coubertin and Olympism, questions for the future". For information:
Congrès du Havre 1997 - CIPC

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Conrado Durantez is the President of the Committee, he is known for his work in favor of the Olympic movement. We have received the first letter of information rich with interesting news and bibliographic information on the distinguished Baron. We thank the Secretary, Ms Ada Wild, for these informations. Below is the address of the Committee:

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The **MINISTRY OF DEFENSE** and **CONI** are organizing in Rome on November a conference on the Military History of Sport with the title: "Sport in uniform. Civil society and military sport: one century of history". For information contact:

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The Belgian Jan Tolleneer will be the Organizer of the conference of the **ISCPES** (International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport) that will take place from the 8 to the 13 July 1998 in Leuven, on the theme of "Old borders/new borders/no borders. Sport and physical education in a period of change". For information:

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"Toys, games and hobbies" is the title of the show which is opening on September in Turin, at the *Centro per la Cultura Ludica*, via

Fiesole 15. The section dedicated to the Ancient World is completed by the issue of Marco Fittà's essay *Games and Toys in the*

Ancient Times, which reconstructs ludic aspects of ancient civilizations through archeological findings and literature. Archeomedia® is editing a CD Rom on this interesting subject. For information contact:

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In Springfield, Mass. the *North American Society of Sport History (NASSH)* celebrated its 25th anniversary with its 25th seminar.

Very few sports historians have attended all
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the 25 meetings, including its secretary-treasurer Ron Smith, NASSH has the same rules of the non-reelectable presidency with president-elect, acting president and past-president as CESH. When Wray Vamplew takes the acting presidency of CESH in Katowice and the president-elect for 1997 (to be president on 1999 - 2001) is elected there, the forming stages of CESH will reach a new phase as then all three posts will be occupied:



The International Congress "Which Physical education for wich School?" organized by the Swiss Organization for Physical Education in School (**SVSS/ASEP/ASEF**) will be held on the 24 May 1998 in Neuchatel Switzerland. For information:
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