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*6th CESH Congress*

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*26-30 September 2001*



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### GÖTTINGEN 2001

This year's CESH International Congress could be considered a success with 131 participants from 26 nations and 63 papers presented, each one of outstanding interest. The theme "Transition in the history of sports: continuity and change" was well received by scholars in Europe, though analysis of those factors that influence the continuity of social phenomena and their metamorphosis was capable of highlighting those elements that constitute the history of sports. The University Georg-August of Göttingen and the Institute of the History of Sports of Lower Saxony (NISH) spearheaded the organization of the conference, thanks also to the contribution of Arnd Krüger and his highly-qualified staff.

Bob Barney was the keynote speaker of the annual lecture in honour of Horst Ueberhorst, leader of the movement of the history of sports in Germany, on the theme "The beginning and the end of the German movement of Turnverein in America."

The recognition of researchers under the age of 35 was a highlight of the conference. The "Franz Nachtgall" scholarship of circa £1,000 offered by the Danish Gymnastics Federation was given to Amichai Alperovich of the Wingate Institute of Israel. His work was based on archival material found in the CIO Museum of Lausanne. It was entitled "Israel and the regional games: from the Mediterranean through Asia to Europe." Two scholarships of 250 euro each, in honour of Michele de Donato, leader of the movement of the history of physical education and sports

in Italy, the first of the "Centro Studi ISEF" of Florence, went to Annette Hoffman of the University of Münster. Her work was entitled "Transformation of the ethnical organization in sports: the American Turners". The second award of the ASSITAL (Associazione Italiana Tecnici di Atletica Leggera) was granted to Stephen Wassong of the School of Sport of Cologne for his research on "The American Studies of Pierre de Coubertin and their importance in the interpretation of his early pedagogic thought". Stephen Wasson was also nominated as the new treasurer of CESH. A new president: Dr. Prof. Teresa Gonzales Aja of INEF of Madrid, was officially installed as president during the assembly. She is the successor to Joachim Rühl. We would like to express our best wishes to her, well aware of the expertise, not only of her research, but of her organizational skills as seen in the extensive work she carried out in Spain.

### THE HISTORY OF SPORTS IN ITALY: AN APPEAL

During the assembly in Göttingen, Angela Teja, the general secretary of CESH, spoke of the need of implementing the teaching of Sports History in Italian universities. In some universities, such as the IUSM of Rome and L'Aquila, this subject is not contemplated at all, but is treated as an aspect of the history of pedagogy. It was felt that the need to study the history of a phenomenon that has had, and will continue to have a cultural and popular impact over the course of human development is not seen as a priority in Italy. There is hope that with the growth of a greater autonomy in the universities this situation may be modified and research and studies of sports history may be encouraged. It was decided that during the next conference at Besançon an official note will be sent to the European authority if no significant progress has been made toward the creation and implementation of these studies, especially in those universities that have Faculties of Motor Science.

## TOWARD BESANÇON 2002

Christian Vivier and Jean-Francois Loudcher are already at work on the next CESH Congress that will be held in Besançon from 26th to 29th of September 2002. The theme will be "Sport and ideology". The Sponsors will be the Council of DOUBS, the University of France-Compte, the University of Lausanne and the Olympic Museum of Lausanne. Guidelines for work to be presented have already been set out by the scientific committee. The goal is to understand the role of sport in the context of contemporary ideologies. An example can be: Ideology, sport and scientific truth; Ideology, sport and scientific fields; Ideology: sport and utopia; Totalitarian ideologies, sports and physical education. Deadline for the abstracts is 1 June 2002. For more information contact Jean-Francois Loudcher ([jeanfrancois.loudcher@uivn-fcompte.fr](mailto:jeanfrancois.loudcher@uivn-fcompte.fr)) Christian Vivier ([christian.vivier@univ-fcompte.fr](mailto:christian.vivier@univ-fcompte.fr)) all at Universite Franche-Compte, 31 chemin de l'Epitapje 25000 Besançon and at these phone numbers: tel. 003-3-81666785/86 fax 0033-3-81537835

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## NEWS

In the month of February Silvio Longhi's essay "Il gioco delle due spade" will be presented at the Biblioteca di Storia Moderna e Contemporanea. Renzo Nostini and Mario Pescante will be present. This work can be found in Number 2000 of the periodical "Lancillotto and Nausica"  
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20° Annual of British Society of Sports History, International Center for Sports History and Culture Leicester, 13-14. April 2002.

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5th World Conference on science and football, April 2003, Lisboa, WCSF, Faculdade de Motricidade Humana Universidade Técnica de Lisboa, Estrada da Costa, P-1495-688 Cruz Quebrada.

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