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Overview of the contents of the archives concerning the history, remit and activities of the Sport for All Commission for the period from 1983 to 1989

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International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Administrative / Biographical history

In 1983, IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch created a “mass sport” working group to define what the IOC could do for the growth of mass sport on an international level and to prepare the constitution of a new IOC commission to develop mass sport.¹ Antonin Himl, the President of the Czech National Olympic Committee (NOC), was chosen to chair this working group, which met twice, in 1983 and 1984.

At its 88th Session in Los Angeles (USA) in July 1984, the IOC decided to create a Sport for All Commission to replace this working group, as of September 1984.

In this way, the IOC was looking to support and assist the development of mass sport through the use of its symbols, by organising competitions, making a financial contribution, granting its patronage, making observations and offering rewards. It sought to work with the sports bodies representing Sport for All and to encourage the NOCs and national organisations and institutions responsible for physical education and sport to follow the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter.²

The IOC was also interested in the possibilities for developing mass sport among children, young people and adults all over the world. With the help of the NOCs, it wanted to support activities in the field of physical education and sport for the largest possible number of social classes; organise international exchanges of experience and knowledge on developing mass sport globally; and encourage physical education and mass sport to improve the well-being of people generally.³

The Commission's main activities⁴ are:

- Patronage: Each year, the Sport for All Commission grants IOC patronage and financial support to several events on all five continents.
- Olympic Day Run: The Sport for All Commission launched the Olympic Day Run to encourage all the NOCs to commemorate Olympic Day⁵.
- World Congress on Sport for All: Since 1986, the IOC has granted its patronage to these congresses. Each one is a forum for sharing ideas and experience in the area of Sport for All internationally.

The first meeting of the Sport for All Commission was held on 9 July 1985 in Lausanne (Switzerland). IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch chaired the Commission until 1990. The Commission is composed of IOC members, representatives of International Federations (IF) and NOCs, and athletes

¹ Sources: Olympic Review, no. 204, October 1984 + Annex 25 of the minutes of the 88th IOC Session in July 1984 in Los Angeles

² Source: Minutes of the meeting of 29 February 1984. In: Archives IOC / B-ID04-SPT/003

³ Source: Annex 2 of the minutes of the meeting of 13 December 1983. In: Archives IOC / B-ID04-SPT/002

⁴ Source: International Olympic Committee (IOC). Le Sport pour tous et le Comité international olympique = Sport for All and the International Olympic Committee. Lausanne: IOC, [1998?]

⁵ Olympic Day is celebrated on 23 June, the day on which the IOC was created in 1894.



and individual members from all over the world, to ensure that all the continents are represented. When needed, a working group also meets.

As of 1 November 2014, the Sport for All Commission was still active.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer

The sub-series was received by the IOC Historical Archives in 1993, following the construction of the new Olympic Museum in Ouchy.

Scope and content

The sub-series is a record of the work of the Sport for All Commission, particularly with regard to the composition and functioning of the Commission and the patronage given by the IOC to various organisations and sports events. It also describes the relations between the IOC and the NOCs in the area of Sport for All development, and between the Commission members, the NOCs and the IOC.

The sub-series contains correspondence mainly on the IOC's patronage of Sport for All sports events. It also contains circular letters no.1,649 of 13 February 1984, no.191 of 18 December 1985, no.76 of 16 May 1986, no.109 of 29 May 1987 and no.99 of 23 June 1988 asking the NOCs to list the Sport for All competitions organised in their respective countries, accompanied by the answers of the NOCs.

It also contains documents linked to the meetings of the Commission, namely minutes, roll calls, working documents and correspondence.

The minutes of the Sport for All Commission's meetings have been digitised and are accessible in electronic form.

The sub-series contains archive copies of minutes of the meetings of this Commission (incomplete collection).

Accruals

Yes

System of arrangement

The files are classified by subject, by document type or by activities in alphabetical order. The documents in the files are classified chronologically, from latest to earliest.

Conditions governing access

The documents are freely accessible, subject to the provisions established by the IOC to this effect.

Language / scripts of material

The documents are in French and English.

Additional sources

Internal sources

International Sport for All Federation (FISPT): E-RE02

Pan-American Conference on Sport for All (1984-1988)

1st World Congress on Sport for All in 1986

2nd World Congress on Sport for All in 1988

3rd World Congress on Sport for All in 1990

Conferences and congresses: Sport for All patronage

External sources

[International Sport for All Federation – FISPT](#) (consultation January 2015)

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