

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DES SPORTS DES SOURDS

MINUTES

CISS 30th CONGRESS

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

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01. WELCOME SPEECH

CISS President, Jerald M. Jordan, welcomed the delegates and declared the CISS 30th Congress opened.

Anthony Walton, President of the New Zealand Deaf Amateur Sports Association, heartily welcomed the Executive Committee and the delegates to CISS 30th Congress.

The Mayor of Christchurch, Sir Hamish Hay, welcomed all participants in the 16th World Games for the Deaf to his city, Christchurch. He expressed his hope that all would enjoy themselves during their stay in his city and his country.

02. AN ADDRESS BY THE CISS PRESIDENT.

President J.M. Jordan welcomed the new member of the CISS family, Peoples Republic of China, and CISS Auditor, Mr. Ole Artmann.

President Jordan was sorry to have to announce the death of CISS Honorary Member, Carl-Eric Martola (Finland), Alfons Bundi (Switzerland), holder of the CISS medal, and the former member of the IFSD Advisory Board and President of the International Blind Chess Association, Mr. Aren Bestman, The Netherlands.

A minutes silence in honor of these men was observed.

President Jordan gave a short overview of the membership of the ICC and added that the Executive Committee had invited a member of the IFSD sponsored ad-hoc committee for a new international sports federation for the disabled, Mr. Kerry Cosgrove, Australia, to give a speech and to inform us about the hearing that was held in Seoul in connection with the Paralympics October last.

Together with SG Sondergaard he visited Christchurch in March 1988. It appeared that economical problems had nearly led to a cancellation of the Games. It has not been easy for the Organizing Committee to raise enough funds and to establish a well organized staff but all had done their best.

He was not only surprised but also happy to see that no less than 1000 athletes were entered for the Games. It was almost the same number as four year ago.

03. CONFIRMATION OF THE POWERS OF THE DELEGATES.

A list of the delegates registered before the Congress was distributed prior to the opening. The list is attached to the Minutes as **Appendix 1**.

All powers were approved which means that the Congress confirmed the admission of P.R. China.

Turkey and USSR were not present at session 1 and 2.

04. APPOINTMENT OF THREE SCRUTINEERS.

The following three scrutineers were appointed before the election for the Executive Committee (Agenda point no. 20):

- Ole Artmann DEN
- Richard Caswell USA
- Frans Moulen, HOL

05. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 28TH CONGRESS.

The minutes from the 29th Congress of the CISS in Oslo, Norway, February 6 and 7, February 1987, were approved without comments.

06. ADMISSION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The Executive Committee recommended that the following countries were admitted as new members of the CISS Family:

Ordinary Member: PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

Adherent Member: JORDAN, MAURITIUS, MALAYSIA, SEYCHELLES, SRI LANKA and WESTERN SAMOA.

The Congress unanimously approved the admission of all seven countries which all were placed in the ASIA/PACIFIC Region.

CISS now has 46 Ordinary Members and 6 Adherent Members.

07. THE REPORT COVERING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1987 TO DECEMBER 1988.

SG Sondergaard gave a brief review of the most important items in the report.

VP Lovett reported that no less than 264 proposals were received for the LOGO competition. All delegates and other people present would be given the opportunity to recommend the best draft. The Executive Committee then would award the prizes.

As there were no more comments to the report this was unanimously approved.

08. SUBMISSION OF THE BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT FOR 1986 and 1987.

SG Sondergaard gave a brief overview of the financial situation as for 1988 as it had been impossible to finish the accounts before his departure for Christchurch.

The IFSD had informed CISS and the other ICC members that as long negotiations about the relations between these two organizations were undergoing, no administrative support would be allocated.

Due to a gift of no less than 25000 US\$ from the American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD) there would be a small surplus for 1988. Without this support the balance as per 31st December 1988 would show a great deficit.

The Executive Committee had, however, decided to allocate 15000 US\$ to a Developing Fund to promote sports in Asia and Africa.

President Jordan thanked the AAAD for its generous support to the work of the CISS.

09. VOTE ON APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for 1986 and 1987 were unanimously approved.

10. SUBMISSION OF FINANCIAL ESTIMATE.

SG Sondergaard: The financial estimate for the next years was made before we knew of the decision by the IFSD not to grant any administrative support to CISS. The figures, therefore, would not be as positive as shown.

Haas asked why the income of authorization fees was doubled as he did not think there would be more international competitions.

Sondergaard replied that the estimate was made from the provision that the Congress would approve the proposal to raise the fees 100 per cent.

No further questions were made.

11. APPOINTMENT OF A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

Mr. Ole Artmann, Denmark, who now had been the auditor for 10 years, was unanimously re-appointed.

11.a. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT.

PT Jordan introduced Kerry Cosgrove, member of the Ad Hoc Committee for a new International Sports Federation for the Disabled. The speech of Mr. K. Cosgrove is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 2.

PT Jordan told the Congress that he and the Executive Committee had a long and positive discussion with Mr. Cosgrove. He was informed about our policy and our attitude to the attempts to establish a new Federation instead of the present ICC.

The CISS always had been of the opinion that the ICC should be an umbrella organization with independent organizations like the CISS as members. We could not support a new organization destroying the CISS. The deaf people must govern their own affairs but we would of course always be interested in a platform to speak for all disabled sports.

Lundquist said that we must be open and follow the negotiations and that we had to be aware that our communication is very different from all other groups of disabled people.

Fotiou told about a meeting held with the Greek government where he had a discussion with the minister. He could not accept that the deaf sport be incorporated in the sports for the other handicapped.

12. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR ALTERATION OR ADDITIONS TO THE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS ETC.

Only the main context of the proposals is mentioned here. For the complete text we refer to Bulletin no. 147 with the Agenda for the Congress.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. CISS Statutes:

1.5.11. Associations must be placed into a Region.

Unanimously approved.

1.13.1 Executive Committee Member as TD.

PT Jordan added to the proposed text that only IF necessary an EC Member would be appointed as TD.

Haas, Lundquist and Ammons were not happy with the proposal and could not support it.

Rejected with 22 votes for and 26 against.

The Congress, however, accepted that in emergency cases an EC Member could act as TD (i.e. if a TD for one reason not could attend the World Games).

1.13.4. Delete this paragraph (number of TD's per country).

Approved with an overwhelming number of votes for and 2 against.

1.13.11. The TDs attending World and Regional Championships.

PT Jordan added to the written proposal that CISS will help after consultation with the country in question.

Haas asked if CISS would guarantee to help the organizer of an European Championship to pay the cost for a TD living outside Europe in the case the IFSD not could grant a support.

PT Jordan explained that the proposal had been discussed with the EDSO before the Congress and that it had been agreed that:

- A budget for a regional championship must include all expenses of a TD attending the championship,
- The organizing committee of a regional championship had to inform CISS well in advance that they could not pay such expenses and
- If it was impossible to raise funds a temporary TD could be appointed.

The Executive Committee then withdrew their proposal and a new one was presented:

"The Technical Delegate of CISS will be invited to Regional Championships. If the Technical Delegate lives at a great distance and the host is unable to obtain sufficient funds for the TD's travel, then

The CISS Bronze medals were awarded to:

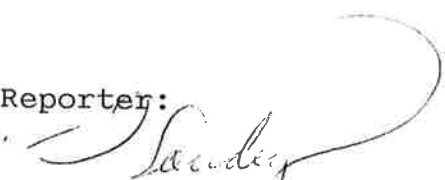
Henny de Haas HOL (EDSO President)
Jo-Anne Robinson CAN (Executive Committee and former TD for swimming)
Richard Caswell USA (TD for basketball)
C.E. Scheepstra HOL (TD for volleyball)

No Gold nor Silver medal were awarded.

24. CONCLUSION, CLOSING SPEECH.

Pt Jordan thanked all for "well done" work and for good behavior of the delegates during the two days of the Congress.

Reporter:


Knud Sondergaard
Secretary-General

APPENDIX 1

DELEGATES CISS 30TH CONGRESS:

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| 01. AUS | Wyndham O. Cooper | Wendy Home |
| 02. BEL | Emanuel Rossel | Pierre Dewit |
| 03. BUL | Vasil Panev | Nikolay Nikolov |
| 04. CAN | Donald McCarthy | Rob Buckry |
| 05. CHN | Fu Zhiwei | - |
| 06. DEN | Klaus Haardell | Anette I. Rasmussen |
| 07. ESP | Jose Luis Penacoba | Morajeleva |
| 08. FIN | Markku Jokinen | - |
| 09. FRA | Isabelle Malaurie | - |
| 10. FRG | Rudolf Gast | Werner Kliever |
| 11. GBR | Roland Haythornthwaite | Dennis Harris |
| 12. GRE | Argyris Fotiou | Ted Starogiannis |
| 13. HKG | Wai-on-Light | Tse Ping Ki |
| 14. HOL | Henny J. Haas | Berend Boeve |
| 15. HUN | Gyorgy Weltner | - |
| 16. IRN | Seyed Nemat Moghimi | Khosrow Karamad |
| 17. IRL | James Woulfe | Dermot Saunders |
| 18. ISR | Jacob Ernfeld | David Lanesman |
| 19. ITA | Armando Giuranna | Franco Pedrali |
| 20. JPN | Yoshio Suzuki | Kyo Aiko |
| 21. KOR | Ki Bum Kim | In Ki Park |
| 22. KUW | Sulaiman Khalid al Ajeel | Zuhair A. K. Mortada |
| 23. NOR | Bjørn Røine | - |
| 24. NZL | Anthony E. Walton | Shona McGhie |
| 25. POL | Mieczyslaw Grajek | Antoni Morawski |
| 26. SUI | Klaus Notter | Stephane Faustinelli |
| 27. SWE | Sivert Engdahl | Arne Lundqvist |
| 28. TUR | Erol Efrant | - |
| 29. URS | Valery N. Roukhledev | Boris Choubladze |
| 30. USA | Larry Fleischer | Donalda Ammons |

Executive Committee:

Jerald M. Jordan
John M. Lovett
Harry Foerster
Knud Sondergaard
Lennart Edwall
Kazimierz Diehl
Jo-Anne Robinson
Boudewijn De Roose

Technical Delegates:

Barbara Sondergaard
Betty Shrine
Richard Caswell
Jan Rydicher
Hardi Nordentoft
Marzio Zanatta
Carlo Colarossi
Joanne Warren
Howard Gorrell
C.E. Scheepstra
Marco Lue

GUESTS:

Auditor Ole Artmann
Representatives, OC 12th Winter Games,
Representatives, OC 17th World Games,
I. King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University

Sessions:

1st session: 5 January 09.10 to 12.25 28 countries present
2nd session: 5 January 13.50 to 16.10 28 countries present
3rd session: 6 January 09.00 to 12.10 30 countries present

APPENDIX 2

ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS OF CISS, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND 6TH JANUARY, 1989, BY MR. KERRY COSGROVE.

Mr. President, Executive Members, Delegates, I bring you the greetings of Mr. Carl Wang, chairman of the ICC ad-hoc committee on whose behalf I appear today.

By way of introduction, my name is Kerry Cosgrove. I am Australian and I was elected to represent Oceania on the ad-hoc committee at the endorsed seminar conducted in Arnhem, The Netherlands, during March, 1987.

I have been involved in sport for the disabled at the administrative level for the last twelve years at national level, and for the past four years internationally as a member of the Executive of the International Sports Organisation for the Disabled.

History

I feel sure that you will all be aware of the existence of the ad-hoc committee and also that you will have some knowledge as to the work which the committee is undertaking.

Before I attempt to specify that work I feel that it may be of importance to go back briefly in time to advise just how and why the ad-hoc committee was formed.

As a result of increasing national dissatisfaction with the workings and structure of the International Coordinating Committee the committee itself called the seminar of nations which was conducted in Arnhem during 1987.

Member nations of the various existing international sports federations for the disabled were invited to attend this seminar. At the seminar a number of issues were raised regarding the future direction of sport for the disabled and in particular to the structure which should be put in place to oversee this development.

These issues were placed before the nations and in total twenty three questions were put to vote.

These votes were of course recorded and have since formed the basis upon which the ad-hoc committee has attempted to develop its work. I would like to refer to some of the more pertinent issues which were resolved at that time.

The first question put to the one hundred and six eligible voters in attendance was:- Do you want a change in the present structure of the ICC ?- This was carried unanimously.

The second proposal put was:- The future structure must recognize national representation.- This was carried 104 vote to 2.

This gave the ad-hoc committee a very clear mandate to propose sweeping changes to the administrative structure and directed us to create an organisation which democratically recognised nations as members.

The third proposal was in many ways contradictory to the second and caused some major discussion at the various ad-hoc meetings since March, 1987. This third proposal was:- The future structure must recognise representation from the existing International Federations Sort for the disabled with the continuation of the existing International Federations. This was carried 62 votes to 38 with five abstentions.

These three resolutions then, together with resolution 7, which agreed to the actual appointment of an ad-hoc committee, and resolution 9, which directed the ad-hoc committee to prepare a draft constitution of a new organisation, formed the nucleus upon which the ad-hoc committee set about accomplishing its task.

There were a number of other issues raised which are worthy of mention later. However, for now, I believe that the historically tells how and why the ad-hoc committee was formed.

Essentially, it was formed by disgruntled nations who were not pleased with the operation of the current ICC and to the ICC's credit it had the courage to call the seminar in an effort to address this problem.

Current developments

In accordance with the directions given us by the Arnhem seminar, the ad-hoc committee has prepared a draft constitution. Naturally this draft is far from what is ultimately required. In fact there are many anomalies and contradictions in the constitution which need to be addressed, some of which were deliberately included to encourage healthy discussion and debate.

It must be remembered that this draft constitution is just that - "a draft". It has been presented to the nations at a meeting during the Seoul Paralympics and as expected the draft created much healthy and sometimes heated debate.

The nations were asked to prepare any proposed amendments to the draft and submit these in writing by the 31st December, 1988.

The ad-hoc committee will meet again at the end of February, 1989 and an amended document will be re-circulated to the nations for discussion.

Finally there will be a founding congress called and the new organisation will be formed.

All of this will occur, only if it is the wish of the nations. The ad-hoc committee or in fact any other body cannot, should not and will not in the case of the ad-hoc committee force this development on anyone. Only the nations can decide.

In an attempt to bring relevance to my address, I trust you will allow me to paint some possible scenarios which may occur.

Much of the ad-hoc committee work and subsequent discussion papers that have emanated from various parts of the world have seemed to deal with matters of Paralympic nature.

Perhaps it is not impossible that the eventual outcome will be the establishment of an International Paralympic Committee ?

If this does occur what possible interest would this whole matter be to the CISS given that the CISS has already expressed that it does not desire to participate in Paralympics ?

These are the questions which must be addressed not only by you, the national members of the CISS, but also by the ad-hoc committee.

On the other hand, it may be that the new organisation, will have as a major role the further strong development of integration of sports for the disabled in existing international non disabled sporting competitions including Olympics and World Championships.

If disabled sports persons were unitedly represented at least administratively, shouldn't it be much easier to unitedly establish a formula for the inclusion of a reasonable number of events for disabled athletes in the present sports programs for the nondisabled.

In that case, the CISS may well be most interested in taking an active part in the development.

The area of influence that a united disabled sporting organisation speaking on behalf of all disabled sports persons at least in matters of policy could be immense and of untold value to all disabled athletes.

We, as members of the ad-hoc committee have endeavored to address all of the possible outcomes, but in the final analysis it will be you the nations and you collectively as the international body of CISS who will make the decision.

As a member of the ad-hoc committee I can only give you my personal assurance that any new organisation which may be formed should not interfere with your autonomy to exist and conduct single disability competitions, nor should it attempt to assume your well defined role.

However, I do sincerely trust that you, the national members of the CISS, can see the worthy role for a new organisation and that you can help lead us to the right conclusions.

I thank you for the opportunity of addressing you on this occasion and for your hospitality during the congress.