



## **Oceania Sport Information Centre Annual Report 2000**

### **Introduction**

The year 2000 proved to be another challenging year for OSIC. The shortage of staff and to some extent the effects of the political crisis in Fiji did not help our situation. The Centre still managed to provide services to a wide range of clients not only from the region but also from other parts of the world.

OSIC is fortunate to have partners such as the Australian National Sports Information Centre, the Oceania National Olympic Committees, and the USP Library, who have been very supportive since its' opening in 1997. The Centre has continued to provide the best service it can offer to its' client despite all the minor problems we experienced in 2000.

### **Staffing**

OSIC once again lost its' Library Assistant, Samu Nakalevu who had accepted another position at the Forum Secretariat. In total OSIC has been operating with only one full time staff since July 1999. Since the departure of Samu Nakalevu in August, Luisa Korodrau from the Serial Section has been assisting at OSIC on a part time basis. This has greatly helped as a temporary measure but it hasn't solved the staffing problem. The shortage of staff has greatly affected the level and quality of service at the Centre, especially in times when the Coordinator is out of the country. I am hoping that this problem will be solved once a suitable candidate is selected before the end of the year.

### **Resources**

OSIC continues to receive a large number of resources from many different organizations. The National Sport Information Centre of Australia (NSIC) and the Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) continues to be our biggest donors of books, magazines and other resources. The Oceania Basketball Confederation (OBC) has also donated a number of basketball-related videotapes, coaching manuals and books in the past three months. Thanks to OBC the Centre now boasts an impressive collection of basketball coaching resources. Included in the collection is a series of coaching tapes by Coach Bobby Knight and two manuals on "Guide to Basketball Facilities" by the FIBA Basketball Promotional Centre.

During the past year the NSIC has sent 3 shipments of books and magazines. OSIC has received over a hundred titles from the NSIC as it continues to be one of our biggest donors of sport related resources. The NSIC also continues to be a key contributor to the development of OSIC with both in kind donation and professional advice from time to time.

### **Subscriptions**

OSIC has had to cancel subscriptions to 3 magazines, which were never used by clients and were costing a lot of money. These magazines included the "Canadian Journal of Applied Physiology", "Clinics in Sports Medicine" and the "Journal of Orthopedics and Physical

Therapy". Although we had cancelled certain subscriptions, the total number of subscriptions for 1999 and 2000 has not changed that much. In 1999 we had a total of 40 subscriptions which dropped to 39 in 2000. We have picked up new subscriptions to two new magazines, which were a lot cheaper and relevant to the needs of our clients. The two new magazines are, "Peak Performance" and the "Rugby League Coaching Magazine".

We also had to cancel our subscription to "Sports Discus", which was costing OSIC over \$4,000.00 a year. The product was definitely being under utilized therefore we could not justify continuing the subscription. We will reconsider our subscription to "Sports Discus" depending on the demands from clients.

### **Requests**

Presented below is the break down of requests that were received and processed by OSIC from the day it opened in August 1997 to December 2000.

#### **Break down of requests from August 1997 - 2000.**

	2000	1999	1998	1997 (Aug-Dec)
Library	4	6	1	
Media	36	41	18	15
Schools	17	32	29	14
Visitors	62	70	75	9
Staff	96	126	93	29
Organizations	202	353	280	53
ONOC	105	63	362	40
Students	261	407	584	29
Others	82	97	20	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1462</b>	<b>189</b>

The only significant figures that stood out were the number of requests from ONOC member countries, which increased from 63 in 1999 to 105 in 2000. The number of students requesting information from OSIC had a significant drop in 2000 (261) in comparison to 407 in 1999. The decrease in requests from students does not indicate a true picture of the actual number of students utilizing the Centre through their own initiative.

### **Special Project**

OSIC is working on putting together a highlight tape of all regional athletes who took part at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games in collaboration with USP Media Centre. Recordings were made of Pacific Island athletes who competed in Sydney by the OSIC coordinator who was part of the ONOC team to the Games. These recordings will be edited by the USP Media Centre and given to all ONOC members as a memorabilia of the 2000 Olympic Games.

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