

Introduction

Close scrutiny of the statistics for 2005 shows a greater cross section of users than previously experienced in the past eight years. This is an indication that more people are becoming more aware of the services that OSIC offers. With the current trend we are confident that we will surpass the 2000 mark in 2006. Current projects such as indexing of regional sports related information would further attract a wider range of interest not only from the region but world wide.

The increase in the OSIC funding from \$US30000 to \$US50000 has ensured that all expenses will be met including increases in staff salaries, subscriptions and other miscellaneous costs. The increase in funding by the Olympic Solidarity is much appreciated and timely since it is apparent that the demand for sports related resources and information is on the increase due to recent developments and interest in this field. Therefore it is important that OSIC is well equipped with the latest information technology and resources to meet the expected demands.

Requests and Statistics

There was a slight increase in requests received and processed by OSIC staff in 2005. In 2004 1559 requests were processed in comparison to the 1596 that was received in 2005. There was a slight drop in the number of requests received from students but on the other hand there were slight increases in usage from the categories of users. The most significant increase was the request from the media, which increased from 35 in 2004 to 62 in 2005. Similar increases were also experienced amongst the staff and visitors categories. Although the number of students utilizing OSIC was significantly higher, it was encouraging to note that users representing the other categories of clients showed some definite increases.

During the year OSIC staff assisted a number of individuals who were students in the IOC Masters in Sports Administration Program. This required some time consuming research into past records of the National Olympics' involvement in the South Pacific Games and Olympics. As a result OSIC staffs are in the process of indexing all relevant sport information from the region, which would be accessible through the USP Library online catalogue in due time.

We also received a number of requests from individuals leaving in the USA, and Europe who was mostly sports statisticians looking for results or verifications of results of competitions held in the region. Others were individuals who collected sports related memorabilia's, such as pictures of national teams to the South Pacific Games.

Listed below is the statistical breakdown of requests that were received and processed in 2005.

	<i>onoc</i>	<i>org</i>	<i>staff</i>	<i>student</i>	<i>library</i>	<i>school</i>	<i>visitor</i>	<i>media</i>	<i>others</i>	total
<i>JAN</i>	1	1	3	-	-	-	4	3	4	16
<i>FEB</i>	15	5	3	31	1	-	13	2	3	73
<i>MAR</i>	2	7	1	180	1	3	4	2	6	206
<i>APR</i>	15	20	21	90	-	-	-	11	-	157
<i>MAY</i>	10	30	12	140	2	5	11	13	10	233
<i>JUN</i>	7	32	2	43	-	-	6	5	11	106
<i>JUL</i>	6	13	7	75	7	9	9	4	16	146
<i>AUG</i>	6	30	5	123	1	4	8	4	6	187
<i>SEP</i>	8	32	3	120	2	8	10	3	5	191
<i>OCT</i>	5	20	5	100	1	10	6	6	8	161
<i>NOV</i>	3	22	6	23	-	-	10	4	13	81
<i>DEC</i>	3	2	2	17	-	-	3	5	7	39
Total	81	214	73	942	15	39	84	62	89	1596

Collection

• Book Collection

Throughout the year we have been receiving new books acquired through the USP Library Acquisitions' department. Being based at the USP Library definitely has its advantages when it comes to acquisition of new books and other sports related resources. For the past year OSIC has recommended a number of sports related titles to the USP Library, which are now part of the fast expanding collection. Here are some of the latest inclusions to the sports collection - "*Understanding Sport Organization*", by Trevor Slack; "*Ethics and Morality in Sport Management*", by Joy T. DeSensi; "*The History of the Rugby World Cup*", by Gerald Davies; "*Championship Swim Training*", by Bill Sweetenham; "*Sport Mechanics for Coaches*", by Gerry Carr, and "*Swimming Fastest*", by Ernest W. Maglischo. The USP Library now has some of the latest publications in sports and related fields. The entire sports collection is available for perusal on the USP Library catalogue, which is on the library website.

OSIC also continues to receive gifts of books and magazines from a number of different organizations such as, FIBA Oceania, ONOC, FASANOC, Olympic Solidarity, and the Australian Sport Information Centre. We are now in a

better position to re-direct some of our extra resources such as duplicate copies of books and magazines to institutions such as the Fiji Institute of Technology's - School of Sports Physical Education and Recreation (SPESSAR).

- **AV Collection**

OSIC also has a collection of video tapes and DVD's on Physical Education and Spots Coaching. We are in the process of converting the video tapes to DVD's so that they could be better preserved. This will be a long process due to the large number of tapes involved. The conversions of the video tapes are being done by the USP Media Centre. We are looking at the possibility of buying the appropriate equipments that would enable OSIC staff to convert the video tapes ourselves. Most of the video tapes have deteriorated in quality due to mildew so this project is important in order to preserve our AV collection.

- **Magazine/Journal Collection**

OSIC carries about 70 titles of sports related magazines more than half of which are donated by different organizations such as ONOC, FASANOC, and regional sporting federations like Basketball, Athletics, Hockey and Cricket. Subscription costs during the past few years have escalated to the point where we have to seriously reconsider renewing our subscriptions. We are looking at other avenues such as making a proposal to the School of Humanities to pay for a number of subscriptions to magazines that's directly related to physical education, sports psychology and sports sociology.

Projects and Activities

1. Indexing

- **Traditional Sports** – indexing of monographs and serials. There is very little written on Traditional Sport & Games in the Pacific, therefore OSIC staffs have started compiling information on this subject. Requests have been sent out to the different National Olympic Committees asking them to forward any literature on traditional games from their respective countries.

- **South Pacific Mini Games & South Pacific Games.**

We have also started indexing all related information to the South Pacific Mini Games & South Pacific Games. This is to enable clients to have easy access to past game results, names of participants and records. We are working on having all indexed material available electronically through the USP Library catalogue for the benefit of our users.

- **Regional Sports Education Program**

The proposed sports education program will definitely be a boost to the utilization of OSIC and its resources. We are also anticipating a greater demand in sports related resources once USP offers a diploma or degree program in Physical Education and Sports Education.

- **Fiji Institute of Technology - School of Sports Physical Education and Recreation (SPESSAR).**

The OSIC Coordinator, who is the Chairman of the SPESSAR Advisory Committee, is working closely with the staff of SPESSAR on the acquisition of sports related resources by FIT.OSIC has also donated duplicate copies of books and magazines. SPESSAR students and staff are also frequent users of the OSIC resources and services. During 2005 we organized special orientation programs for SPESSAR students and staff. OSIC plays an important supporting role to institutions such as SPESSAR, Fiji College of Advance Education, Lautoka Teachers College and NZPTC.

- **South Pacific Games Council**

OSIC Staff conducted research for the South Pacific Games Council constitution review committee on the eligibility bylaws of all the major International Sport Federations. The committee is working on rewriting the South Pacific Games Charter. This was a time consuming exercise since it involved going through about 20 different International Sport Federation website to extract specific clauses on eligibility.

Meetings and Conferences

- **ONOC Annual General Meeting (March 31 - April 2nd) Brisbane, Australia**

OSIC coordinator attended the ONOC Annual General Meeting, which was held in Brisbane from March 31 - April 2nd, 2005. The meeting was a great success enabling the coordinator to collect a number of valuable resources from the International Sports Federations and making contacts with others who have promised to include OSIC to free subscriptions to their newsletters and magazines. The OSIC Coordinator also had the opportunity to thank ONOC and members of the International Olympic Committee - Olympic Solidarity Program who were present at the Assembly, for the increase in the OSIC budget and their continued support

- **Tuvalu Visit (May 1 – 8)**

The OSIC Coordinator went on a trip to Tuvalu on the invitation of the Tuvalu Government and Sports Association to assist in the inaugural Inter Schools Athletics Competition. This gave the Coordinator an opportunity to meet with the USP Centre Director and Centre Librarian. Since USP is embarking on a new sports education program this was an opportune time to discuss matters with the Centre Director and at the same time see what resources were available that would support this new initiative. The idea of offering a certification program in sports education was well received by the Centre Director, who indicated that they had already received a number of inquiries from potential students. After meeting the Director I visited the Centre Library, which had very limited sports related resources. Had discussions with acting Centre Librarian on how spots and physical education resources could be improved.

- **Primary School Athletics Coaches Education Program**

This is an ongoing program, which started in 2004 and implemented by the Fiji Primary Schools Athletics Association and OSIC. The joint program provided an excellent avenue for establishing direct contact with teachers in the primary schools system who was participants in the course. The lack of resources in most schools has given OSIC an important role in the provision of sports related information to teachers and coaches teaching in schools throughout the country. The program has certified more than 300 teachers who have become regular OSIC clients.

OSIC Equipment

An inventory of OSIC equipment includes the following.

- 3 X PC, which includes a Compact Windows 1995, Leo Windows1997, 2004 HP (Bought in late December by ONOC).
- 1 X HP DeskJet 1120C printer, which is about 3 years old
- 1 X ACER Scanner
- 1 X 19inch Panasonic TV
- 2 X VCR (Panasonic & Hitachi)
- 1 X Tape Cleaner
- 2 Second hand Compaq Armada Laptops (donated by the Australian Sport Commission)

Thanks to ONOC and the Australian Sports Commission, OSIC now has a new HP computer and 2 second hand laptops. Upgrading and timely updating of computers and other equipment is essential to our operations and services. Allowances should be made in the future to allocate a budget for equipment upgrading and maintenance. We are also looking at the possibility of acquiring additional equipment such as a video - DVD recorder/converter. This has become a necessity since the quality and longevity of videotapes is greatly compromised by the weather conditions.

OSIC Budget

In 2005 OSIC inherited a deficit from 2004 in its budget when the annual allocation from the IOC was \$US30000. Due to increase in staff salaries, subscription costs and devaluation of the American dollar, we experienced a shortfall of almost \$Fj30000. After the increase in funding from the IOC in 2005 to \$US50000 we are in a better position to repay debts owned to USP and the USP Library.

OSIC Executive Committee

The OSIC Executive Committee comprises of Dr. Robin Mitchell (ONOC), Ms. Joan Yee (USP Library), and Albert Miller (OSIC) met on December 9 to discuss issues relating to OSIC. Chairperson, Joan Yee expressed concern regarding the loose administrative arrangement that existed between OSIC and the USP Library management regarding the role of the OSIC Coordinator. The committee also discussed issues raised in the 2002 Allen Cockerel report on the OSIC review.

OSIC Website

Due to changes in the Australian Sports Commission policies the OSIC website would have to be relocated. Discussions are under way to relocate the OSIC website to the Sporting Impulse – Oceania Sport. Com website. The relocation would enable OSIC staff to update contents of the OSIC website on regular basis without having to go through the Australian National Sport Information Centre in Canberra.



Conclusion

OSIC staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the International Olympic Committee, USP Library and the Oceania National Olympic Committees for their continued support throughout 2005. We would also like to extend our thanks to the Australian National Sport Information Centre for their support and guidance.

OSIC staff will continue to strive to better its services and work closer with the National Olympic Committees, who will play a vital role in publicizing our services to its members. To our clients who have frequented OSIC to utilize its many new resources throughout 2005, we hope that we will be able to better meet your needs in 2006.

With the many developments in the field of sports and sports education OSIC will be in the forefront to providing the latest information and resources that would ensure that our regional coaches, sports administrators, athletes and students are well informed and up to date with the latest developments.

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Extra Curricular Activities

- Chairman Fiji Institute of Technology-Sports Physical Education and Recreation (SPESSAR) Program Advisory Committee
- General Secretary – Athletics Fiji
- Member FASANOC Medical Commission
- Member USP Sports and Sports Education Advisory Committee.
- Board Member IAAF Regional Development Centre

USP Committees

- Advisory Committee Oceania Sport Education Program (OSEP).

Publication

- Miller, Albert. Sports Development in the Pacific. Asian Sport Studies Forum 2004: Reading Asia and Oceania through Sports. Shiga University, Japan, 2004