



## OCEANIA SPORT INFORMATION CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2001

### **Introduction**

The year 2001 brought some exciting developments to OSIC. The completion of the extension to the reading and study area, appointment of a full time Library Assistant, and the review of the Centre were some of the highlights for the year 2001.

The major project for the second half of the year was the review of the Centre by Alan Cockerill of the National Sport Information Centre of Australia. Mr. Cockerill was in Fiji from October 9-12. The review was made possible through funding by the Oceania National Olympic Committee and the ASP 2006 Program. The final report of the review will be made available to those interested once the report is completed.

### **Funding**

The Oceania Sport Information Centre, which was initially funded directly by the International Olympic Committee from 1997 to 2000, is now in its first year of a four year funding agreement with the Olympic Solidarity Program through the Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC). This current funding agreement is from 2001 - 2004 in accordance to each Olympiad (four -year cycles). The funding will be evaluated at the end of 2004.

Currently OSIC is operating on a US\$30,000.00 annual budget, which mainly pays for staff (2) salaries, magazine subscriptions, photocopying, and other incidentals.

### **Staffing**

The problem of finding a full time Library Assistant for OSIC has finally been resolved since the position was left vacant by the untimely death of Moses Latu in July 1999. In June 2000 Samu Nakalevu was appointed to fill the position. Unfortunately a few months after his appointment, Samu left the University to work at the Forum Secretariat. The position was again advertised and Luisa Ketedrau was selected from a list of applicants. Unfortunately this did not materialized since confirmation of her appointment was taking too long. Luisa has since left the University and is now working for the South Pacific Commission.

The position was again advertised in early 2001 and four individuals were interviewed for the position. The position was offered to Ms Taufa Domona who has been working at the USP Library for over 10 years. Taufa has now been working full time at OSIC since July 2001. In the short time that she has been with OSIC, Taufa has made noticeable progress in cataloguing and sorting through books and magazines that have been piling up in the office for the past two years.

### **Requests**

Statistical breakdown of requests received and processed by the Centre varied throughout the year. January started out to be a busy month with a substantial number of requests received and processed. On the other hand during the month of June only 24 requests were received. This could be attributed to the fact that the OSIC office was closed for several weeks since the coordinator was away on official business. During the coordinator's absence the OSIC office was closed since the new Library Assistant did not start until the end of June. We hope that with the appointment of Taufa Domona this will not be a problem in the future.

Majority of the regional requests received during the first half of the year was from the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Cook Islands and PNG. We continue to receive a number of requests from Australia, Philippines, USA and Europe.

During the second half of the year OSIC staff were inundated with requests not only from USP staff and students but also from other educational institutions in the Suva area. Staff from the Fiji College of Advanced Education and the Ministry of Education used OSIC extensively during this period to conduct research on Sports Education Programs.

We have also dealt with a large number of requests for rugby and other coaching materials from local sporting clubs in the Suva area. The Solomon Islands still maintains a substantial lead in the number of requests received from National Olympic Committees.

### Number of requests received and processed in 2001

JAN	FEB	MAR	APRL	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
133	60	102	59	104	24	93	50	54	62	65	30

### Library Courses

The OSIC Coordinator and his assistant were both involved in taking library courses during 2001. The Coordinator has completed 4 courses in the Library Services & Information Studies Certification Program. These courses are, HUC 11 & HUC 13 (semester 1) and HUC 14 and HUC 15 (semester 2). The OSIC Coordinator plans to take HUC 12 during the first semester of 2002 to complete the certification program. Further training in this field would be considered once the Certification Program is completed.

Meanwhile OSIC Library Assistant, Taufa Domona has completed her Diploma in Library Studies after completing one course in semester two.

### Attachments

This is an area that the Centre had to look at after receiving inquires from different organizations in Fiji and the region. Ms Mereula Meau, a media trainee with the Fiji Sports Council, Sports Development Unit, was the first individual taken in by OSIC on attachment. The main objective of her attachment was to learn how to set up and run a sport information centre. She also went some training on how to use the OPAC system and the Internet to find resources and information related to sports. Ms Meau spent three days with the Centre.

The second attachment was Ms Jamilah Keppa from the Nauru Ministry of Sports. Ms Keppa was attached to OSIC for three weeks. Jamilah's attachment was more extensive since she spent more time learning about the different automated systems used at the different departments of the library.

Ms Keppa also attended a workshop that was conducted by ONOC in Nadi prior to the Annual General Assembly. The workshop was on how to effectively use modern information technology to make effective presentations.

In the pass year OSIC has also hosted a number of Sports Development Officers from the various National Olympic Committees while on training visits to ONOC. These officers were from the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tonga and American Samoa.

### Resources

The OSIC collection is getting bigger each day thanks to FASANOC, ONOC, USP Library, and the Australian National Sport Information Centre for their contributions of books, videotapes and magazines.

Although we are receiving many duplicate copies of certain periodicals, we are now in a position to supply organizations such as the Fiji Sports Council, USP Centre Libraries, and schools with duplicate copies of these magazines. Some are sent to clients who have requested for old magazines from the remote islands of PNG and Solomon Islands.

Cataloguing of books and videotape is still a problem mainly due to the lack of cataloguing staff at the USP Library. Taufa has started doing our own cataloguing which has cleared some of the backlog. Due to the large number of books received from our donors it is going to take some time before all the items can be accessed through the USP Library OPAC System.

- **Video Tapes**

The number of videotapes we have received in the past few months has steadily increased. The videotapes are mostly gifts from, ONOC, Fiji Amateur Athletics Federation and the Fiji Swimming Association. One of the latest additions to our collection is videotape produced by Frank Borviet and the USP Media Centre on *Rugby Coaching for the South Pacific Islands*.

We have also received a number of basketball coaching videotapes from the Oceania Basketball Confederation. The OBC has been the most active International Federation in donating resources to the Centre.

Due to the increase in the number of videotapes that we have collected during the past year, storage and cataloguing has become a problem, which needs to be looked at urgently.

- **CD ROM**

OSIC has received a copy of the Sports Medicine Manual on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM is a product of the IOC Medical Commission and was donated by the IOC through ONOC.

### **OSIC Extension**

Work on the extension of the OSIC reading and browsing has been completed. The extension has given the centre a more professional appearance with its framed partition separating it from the other sections of the USP Library.



### **The New OSIC Extension**

**Listed below are Conferences and Workshops that the Coordinator and Library Assistant attended in 2001**

- **ONOC Annual General Assembly (April 5-8)**  
The Coordinator of OSIC attended the ONOC Annual General Assembly, which was held at the Tanoa Hotel in Nadi from April 5-8. The Assembly was attended by members of ONOC and also included a number of delegates from the IOC, including the former IOC President, Mr. Juan Samaranch. The Coordinator presented the OSIC Annual Report to the Assembly, highlighting the various activities for the year 2000.
- **IASI World Conference (April 24-28)**  
The Coordinator also attended the IASI World Conference, which was held in Lausanne Switzerland from April 24-28. He made a poster presentation on OSIC, which was displayed in the Olympic Museum foyer throughout the duration of the conference.
- **Fiji Sports Council Sports Trainers Workshop (October 30 - November 2)**  
The OSIC Coordinator was involved as a guest presenter in a weeklong workshop conducted by the Fiji Sports Council Sports Development Unit. The workshop was on general principles of coaching and involved about 30 local coaches from a number of different sports. This was also a good opportunity to carry out some PR work for the Centre.
- **Sports Information Workshop and Attachment Canberra (November 23 - Dec 3)**  
Taufa, OSIC Library Assistant, also attended a workshop conducted by the National Sport Information Centre of Australia (November 26 - 28). She was also attached to the NSIC for a few days prior to attending the workshop.
- **South Pacific Mini Games - Norfolk Island (December 4-20)**  
The OSIC Coordinator also attended the South Pacific Mini Games in Norfolk as an official for the Fiji Team and at the same time carried out some work for OSIC. While in Norfolk the OSIC Coordinator distributed brochures to the different team officials and athletes and discussed the role of the Centre. Full results of the Mini South Pacific Games was also collected and is now available at OSIC.

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