



Oceania Sport Information Centre 1999 Annual Report

Overview

1999 proved to be a challenging year for OSIC. The untimely death of Mosese Latu, OSIC Library Assistant, greatly affected the services and daily operations of the centre. Mosese who had been working at USP for over 13 years joined OSIC in 1997 when it was opened. He was instrumental in the successful running of the Centre during its first two years.

The tragic death of Mosese had definitely overshadowed the good news that the IOC had extended its funding for the Centre to year 2004. This was decided after meetings between Mr. Kevan Gosper, Dr. Robin Mitchell, (President and Secretary of ONOC) and IOC officials at the ONOC Annual General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland in June. The Centre can now concentrate on expanding and developing services to meet the growing needs of its clients throughout the region.

The other major development is the relocation of the OSIC office. The new office is now located at the far end of the USP Library and includes a spacious office, reading and study area, and shelves for periodicals. The Centre now has a more professional appearance with an environment that's not only secure but also conducive for study and reading.

OSIC Resources

□ Books

With the assistance of the IOC, ONOC, the National Sport Information Centre of Australia, International Sports Federations, and the USP Library, we have been able to boost our holdings on sports related books significantly during the past year. OSIC now has some of the latest sports related books on; Coaching, Sports Psychology, Physiology, Sports Medicine, Sports Officiating, Physical Education and many other sports related fields. OSIC's holding of sports related books are well over 700. OSIC also has a collection of Olympic publications, which includes a number of bid documents for various winter and summer Olympic Games.

□ Videotapes

OSIC has more than 160 sports related videotapes. Listed below are some of the latest videotapes that have been added to the OSIC collection: Level 1 Coaching tapes for Track and Field (International Amateur Athletic Federation); Field Hockey Coaching and Umpiring; Rule Changes in Basketball (FIBA); Planning Recovery; Planning and Periodisation; Coaching and the Law; Table Tennis - Lift Your Game; Art Sport & Culture, (Olympic Museum -IOC); and Coaching Rugby (Australian Rugby Union). OSIC now has the facilities and equipment for viewing videotapes in its new office.

❑ **Periodicals**

The OSIC periodical collection has increased with the arrival of three new subscriptions; the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance; the USA Sports Illustrated, New Zealand Rugby News, ANZSLA - The sports Law Association, and The Fist, (an Australian boxing magazine).

There is still concern regarding the mutilation of sports magazines by users. In 1999 there were about two dozen magazines that were mutilated. One of the major reasons for the constant mutilation of sports magazines is the lack of supervision of the periodical area during the evening and weekends. This problem is not only costly but it is also depriving other users from using the magazines.

❑ **Sports CD's**

OSIC has a collection of interactive CD's that are available to users upon request.

1. "Sports Discus" - The largest collection of practical research literature on sports, physical education, fitness and sports medicine (Silver Platter)
2. "Coaching High Jump" - An interactive CD on coaching high jumpers from beginner to elite level (Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles).
3. "An Olympic Journey" - History of Women in the Olympic Games.
4. "Aspire" -2000 Olympic Games Resource for schools (SOCOG).
5. Official Report of the XVII Winter Olympics Lillehammer 1994 (LOOC).
6. "Universiada 1999" (World University Games- Palma, Spain.)

❑ **Requests and other activities**

The numbers of requests received from clients during the first six months of 1999 were quite substantial compared to the second half of the year. This was closely linked to the staging of the South Pacific Games in June. There was also an increase in the number of requests from the media on the history and results of past South Pacific Games.

For the first time since 1997, OSIC started receiving requests from other parts of the world, in particular, USA, Germany, Holland and the Philippines. This is because OSIC is now accessible world wide through its web page on the ONOC webs site.

Presentations at conferences by the OSIC Coordinator have also increased the awareness, not only in the Oceania region but also in other parts of the world. For the first since the Centre was opened in 1997, OSIC Coordinator visited Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. As a result of the trip and contacts made OSIC has already received a number of requests from the respective countries.

❑ **New Staff**

Samu Nakalevu has been appointed to fill the position of Library Assistant that was left vacant by the untimely death of Mosese Latu. Samu has been working at the USP Library for the past 13 years and brings with him a wealth of experience.

❑ **Conferences & Workshops**

Listed below is a list of Conferences and Workshops that was attended by the OSIC Coordinator in 1999. Presentations were made on the role and function of OSIC and how ONOC member countries could utilize it. Brochures and posters were also distributed.

1. IAAF Level 1 Coaches Certification Education Course - Manila, Philippines (1-16 February)

2. South Pacific Games - Guam (1-14 June)
3. ONOC General Assembly - Lausanne, Switzerland (11-15 July)
4. Commonwealth Games General Assembly & ONOC Executive Meeting - Nadi (9-11 October)
5. Papua New Guinea - Sports Science and Coaching Workshop & National Sports Symposium - Port Moresby (22-28 November)
6. Solomon Islands - Sports Science and Coaching Workshop - Honiara (29 November -2 December)
7. IAAF Level 1 Coaches Certification Education Course - Suva (6-18 December)
8. FASANOC Annual General Assembly - Suva (17 December)

Conclusion

During the past year the OSIC office has gone through some physical changes. These changes have become necessary in order to improve services and keep up with the latest developments in the field of Sport Information.

In an effort to increase awareness of the Centre more than 600 brochures and posters were distributed at various conferences and sporting events throughout the region. Apart from the wide distribution of brochures, visits were also made to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands in an effort to increase awareness within ONOC member countries. Although there has been a conscious effort to publicize OSIC throughout the region, there is still a large number of individuals, especially Physical Education Teachers, who are not aware of the services that the Centre has to offer.

The visits to PNG and the Solomon Islands at the end of 1999 have proven to be a great success. We have already received a large number of requests for sports related information from individuals who had attended the conferences and workshops. This reiterates the need for visits to regional countries, which seems to be the most effective method of creating awareness within the sporting organizations.

The extension of funding by the IOC for the next 4 years is definitely great news for the Centre and the region. The onus is now on the National Olympic Committees and sporting bodies to fully utilize the Centre.

We look forward to a busy and successful year 2000.

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