



Oceania Sport Information Centre Annual Report 1998

Introduction

1998 proved to be a busy year for the Oceania Sport Information Centre (OSIC). This was highlighted by the visit of Mr. Juan Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). During his visit to the Centre, Mr. Samaranch also launched the OSIC web site (<http://lali.usp.ac.fj/osic>). The web site was a project initiated and developed by the Australian National Sport Information Centre. The OSIC web site is an example of improvements that the Centre is under going in order to keep up with the changing technology in the world of information today.

Collection

In the past year OSIC has slowly developed its collection of resources to a respectable level. We are now in a position to offer a greater selection of resources to our clients. OSIC now has more than 600 titles of sports related monographs; more than 80 sports related magazines; 130 video-tapes on most Olympic sports and a collection of sports CD's. The OSIC collection is complimented by an extensive collection of Olympic publications, which were donated by the Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC).

Requests

Awareness of the Centre's role is slowly filtering throughout the region. This is evident in the increase number of requests received from clients during the past year. Visits to various National Olympic Committees throughout the region have also greatly contributed to the increase awareness. It is clearly documented that after each visit the number of requests always increases significantly. Another major reason for the increase in the number of requests received is the expansion of Physical Education courses at USP and other institutions. OSIC has become an important source of information for students enrolled in the PE courses.

Month	Library	Media	Other	School	Visitors	Staff	Org	ONOC	Students
January		2		5	8	4	12	5	1
February		2		1	1	13	13	4	1
March					4	6	24	22	110
April				1		1	27	7	107
May			3	21	3	7	19	162	75
June		2	5	1	35	20	42	15	162
July		1	4		8	9	21	5	3
August			2		4	3	27	3	9
September			4			5	31	12	47
October	1		2		4	8	39	80	34
Total	1	7	20	29	67	76	255	315	549

This table shows the Statistical analysis of requests processed by OSIC from January to October 1998.

Products

OSIC has continued to produce some important coaching resources from the Internet. Some coaching resources that are now available at the Centre, thanks to the Internet, are; Weightlifting rules and techniques; Coaching Lawn Bowling; Judo rules and training; Power lifting rules and training techniques and the IAAF rules and regulations manual.

Special Project

During the past year OSIC has been working on several projects. The first project is a coaching manual for individuals working with primary school athletes in the sport of track and field. This project is a joint effort with the Fiji Primary School Athletics Association. The manual is almost completed and should be ready for distribution in March.

The second major project is also a joint effort between OSIC, the Oceania National Olympic Committee and the South Pacific Games Commission. This is a much larger project since it will involve the documentation of the South Pacific Games history. Unfortunately there is no complete documentation of the South Pacific Games since its conception in 1963. The Australian ASP 2000 Program has showed interest in funding this project, details of which are yet to be finalized.

Staff Activities

The Coordinator of OSIC has been busy travelling throughout the region attending meetings and promoting the Centre to members of the Oceania National Olympic Committees. Visits to the different countries have proven to be invaluable in terms of education in the field of sport information, establishing contacts, and creating awareness to the services that OSIC provides.

Donations

A special thanks to the following organizations for their kind donations of books, videotapes, CD's, magazines, and other resources to the Centre during 1998. These organizations include: The Australian National Sports Information Centre; ASP 2000 Program; ONOC; IOC; International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF); Oceania Basketball; Oceania Table Tennis, Oceania Badminton; Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles; Human Kinetics; International Tennis Federation; Fiji Swimming; Fiji Athletics; Fiji Football; SPN; and members of IASI.

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