

## **The Oceania Sport Information Centre (OSIC) 2010 Annual Report**

### **Introduction**

The highlight for the year was the Oceania National Olympic Committee Assembly which was held at the Tanoa International Hotel in Nadi. The Assembly was attended by all the National Olympic Committees of Oceania, representatives of the International Olympic Committees, London 2012 Olympic Games, Delhi Commonwealth Games, 2011 Pacific Games organizers, and the Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO).

The Assembly was an opportune time to re-establish contacts with all the major sport stake holders in the region and establish new ones with new members. A report on OSIC was presented to the Assembly on the progress that OSIC had made in 2009 and its plans for 2010. It was an opportunity to remind the International Sporting Federations from the Oceania region that OSIC was in an excellent position to assist them in distributing sport specific information relating to national activities to their affiliates by utilizing the OSIC website. It was also an opportunity to collect reports and other resources for the OSIC collection.

### **OSIC Coordinator Resigns**

After 13 years as the Coordinator of the Oceania Sport Information Centre, Albert Miller has resigned to take up a new position with the USP Regional Centre for Community and Continuing Education (RCCCE). He will be the new Coordinator of the Community Sport Education Program at the RCCE. This new initiative is funded by the Oceania National Olympic Committee through its Oceania Sport Education Program. Search for a new OSIC Coordinator is underway with contacts being made through the Australian Sport Commission and the London North West 2012 Program.

### **New Staff**

Puspha Prasad replaced Taufu Domona as the OSIC Library Assistant. Taufu is now the Senior Library Assistant at the USP Library. Puspha brings with her more than 20 years of experience working in a number of libraries in the Suva area and in all sections of the USP Library. Puspha was the Library Assistant with the gifts section of the USP Library prior to her transfer to OSIC. The Library and OSIC takes this opportunity to thank Taufu for her contribution to the development of OSIC during her five years as the OSIC Library Assistant and wish her well in her new position.

### **OSEP Framework Review Workshop (June 12 – 15)**

14 regional and international delegates, representing a cross section of sport practitioners attended the workshop. The Oceania Sport Education Program (OSEP) Framework Review Seminar was held to refine the OSEP training, support and recognition framework. They identified various issues that have inhibited the progress of sport education. With these in mind, the group reviewed the Oceania Sport Education Framework to include elements:

1. Pacific Sport Participation Development Pathway
2. Practitioner Competency Framework
3. Sport Education Systems
4. Training
5. Systems Building Partnerships.

**Request Statistics for 2010**

As indicated by figures presented below there was a significant increase in the number of requests processed for the months of January - December. Increase was across all areas and in particular requests received from the sporting organizations from individuals (coaches & athletes) involved in sport related activities. Despite the fact no stats were taken for the month of December the number of requests were still relatively high.

	<b>onoc</b>	<b>org</b>	<b>staff</b>	<b>student</b>	<b>library</b>	<b>school</b>	<b>other</b>	<b>visitor</b>	<b>media</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
JAN	9	120	20	51	0	6	75	0	0	<b>281</b>
FEB	10	98	22	30	0	1	72	0	0	233
MAR	14	177	40	57	0	5	94	5	5	397
APR	5	135	35	60	2	7	90	8	4	346
MAY	4	131	19	50	0	9	71	10	6	300
JUNE	1	161	40	65	0	6	140	6	3	422
JULY	6	175	39	48	3	4	114	4	2	395
AUG	4	367	87	88	1	5	181	7	3	743
SEPT	7	364	113	93	0	2	155	5	4	741
OCT	2	328	83	65	0	3	134	8	3	626
NOV	4	100	4	58	0	0	14	2	2	184
DEC										
<b>TOTAL</b>										<b>4668</b>

**OSIC Website**

The OSIC website continues to attract a substantial number of viewers every month. As indicated in the table below the website has been receiving over a thousand hits from April - September. The highest number of hits was in September where over 1300 hits were received. It is important to maintain the profile of the OSIC website which has developed into an important source of information for sporting people around the region. It was interesting to note that for the months of December (2010) and January (2011) showed a relatively high access in comparison to the same period in previous. January received almost 2000 hits which is the highest hits that the site has received since the establishment of the OSIC website. We are hopeful that this trend will continue into 2011.

Presented below are the statistics for 2010 on the number of hits on the OSIC website

<b>Month</b>	<b>Page Request</b>	<b>Traffic (Mb)</b>
January	960	13
February	860	13
March	993	13
April	1027	9
May	1206	12
June	1251	13
July	1115	12
August	1101	11
September	1361	14
October	987	10
November	650	7
December	850	8

**2010 AUSPIN Workshop**

The OSIC Library Assistant, Puspha Prasad attended the AUSPIN Workshop which was held in Canberra from the 16 – 17 of September. She also visited the New South Wales Institute of Sport Information Centre and spent two days on attachment before attending the AUSPIN meeting and workshop. Puspha was away from the 11 – 19 of September.

Puspha greatly appreciated the opportunity and many thanks to ONOC for the funding. She has now experienced first handed how a world class organization such as the NSIC functions and operates.

### **Conclusion**

As the outgoing OSIC Coordinator I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joan and the USP Library staffs for their support throughout the 13 years that I had spent at the Library. I would also like to thank the USP Library LAC, especially Professor Randy Thaman, for the support and advice they have given over the years when OSIC was first established in 1997.

Also a special thanks to Dr. Esther Williams for her initiative and support in the establishment of OSIC which was developed through a unique arrangement between a number of organizations such as UNESCO, ONOC and USP. We should be proud of the fact that OSIC is the only regional sport information centre in the world that is fully funded by the IOC Olympic Solidarity Program. I hope that it will continue to receive the necessary support to ensure that the Centre will continue to develop.

To ONOC for the continued support over the years and for the opportunity to manage the Centre through some trying times as we struggled to develop a collection from scratch with only a few resources. We can all be proud of the OSIC collection which was made possible through the contributions and donations of a number of organizations and individuals such as; FIBA Oceania, ITF, FITA, OAA, Oceania Baseball, Oceania Swimming, Oceania Softball, NSIC, Oceania Badminton, FASANOC, ONOC, IOC. Contributions of Olympic Bid documents were also receive from IOC Members, Kevan Gosper and Dr. Robin Mitchell. These collections are invaluable since not too many libraries in the world have such a collection.

OSIC has developed into a reputable Information Centre for Sports and I am proud to have been associated with OSIC from day one. With the continued support of the ONOC, the USP management and the USP Library I hope that the Centre will be given an opportunity to develop and grow to meet the changing needs of the sporting people of the Pacific region.

Albert Miller

OSIC Coordinator