

## SPO Bureau Meeting, Turin, Tuesday 15 May, 3.00 pm

### AGENDA

1. Reports on SPO/HAPPENINGS since Barcelona meeting
2. News from ICA
3. Campaign for recruiting official SPO members
4. Information policy:
  - special issue for Comma; electing an “editorial board” within SPO
  - articles for Belgian archives review
  - material for ICA Flash & SPO website
5. Preparations for Kuala Lumpur:
  - first general assembly of ICA/SPO
  - nominations for election of Bureau Members
  - activities and visibility during ICA congress (session, workshop, exhibition, information stand)
6. Discussion with representative of the IOC archives (Sabine Christe) about IOC’s future involvement in the activities of SPO
7. Invitation of possible new bureau members and reorganisation of responsibilities
8. Additional questions

Participants: Kenth Sjoblom, Alexandros Krauss, Françoise Bosman, Isabella Orefice, Nora Santarelli; the meeting report was prepared by Cecilia ? from ANAI, and Françoise Bosman was accompanied by Agnès-Gersende Piernas.

Kenth Sjoblom welcomes the participants and announces that Mbaye Thiam, Fina Sola y Gasset and Klara Lutti will not be attending. He then goes on to illustrate the first point on the agenda and asks the participants to illustrate their activities subsequent to the meeting in Barcelona. Orefice outlines the difficulties encountered in finding sponsors for the international seminar *Winter Sports and the Mountains. A Memory at Risk*, scheduled to open the following day in Turin, and the efforts made in the end to ensure that everything is organised as smoothly as possible. (The Culture Week underway over this period in Italy involves a great many archivists and thus makes it difficult for them to be in Turin. The ANAI assembly and elections for executive posts are also scheduled for the following day). The seminar is to begin in the afternoon of the following day (Wednesday) at the State Archives and the participants are to be taken by coach at the end of the first session to the Museum of the Mountains for cocktails and the inauguration of an exhibition devoted to the photographer Cesare Giulio. The Thursday session of the seminar will then be held at Saint-Vincent in Valle D’Aosta, to be followed in the evening by a film show and the gala banquet. The Friday session will be held in the Museum of the

Mountains, which will provide meals for all the participants. The closing session on Saturday morning will be used to establish guidelines and proposals for major projects regarding archives of winter sports.

Kent Sjoblom expresses appreciation for the great amount of work carried out by Orefice.

Nora Santarelli outlines the report she is to present, together with a colleague from the Italian General Directorate of Archives (DGA), at the Saturday morning session of the seminar on the Rome bureau of the CAI (Italian Alpine Club).

Françoise Bosman reports on the signing of an agreement in France for the preservation of sports archives by the Ministry of Culture, the Olympic Academy, the Ministry of Sport and the Paris Museum of Sport on 15 December 2006 in Paris. (There are two types of sporting federation, namely the private clubs with their headquarters in Roubaix and the national committees with theirs in Fontainebleau. Roubaix and Fontainebleau will handle the main archives while the departmental archives will manage the smaller ones. The Ministry of Sport pays a chief archivist based in Paris to arrange the records before sending them to Roubaix and Fontainebleau. Two people have been made responsible for handling this project in Roubaix, namely Bosman herself and a colleague also present at the meeting. After the signing of the agreement, the director of the Lausanne Olympic Museum asked her to remain in contact and work together.

Orefice asks Bosman to send her an article on this agreement for publication in the online newsletter of the ANAI.

Kent Sjoblom announces that he has created the brochure for the ICA SPO bureau. On completion of the text, he also sent it to the former chairman Abdulla A. K. El Reyes, who had agreed to lend a hand but was unable to do so in the end. The costs have been covered by the Finnish National Archives. These brochures will be included in the folders of those attending the seminar together with copies of the ICA Flash newsletter of January 2007. Sjoblom also points out that it would be useful to discuss the possibility of a partnership with the IASI (International Association for Sports Information). He then reports on the petition for the safeguarding of sports archives drawn up by the ICA together with the CESH (European Committee for Sport History) and addressed to the responsables of sport in the EU, no response to which has yet been forthcoming, and goes on to report about a session on sports archives to be held in Copenhagen in July, during a congress on sport history and sport sociology.

Bosman recalls the need to devise a logo for the ICA/SPO.

The next subject addressed regards the bureau's administrative problems, including difficulties in handling the office work and drawing up the minutes of meetings in English as well as the need for an

increase in personnel. Sjoblom announces that Klara Lutti will not be continuing with the work and that Cristina Bianchi, who has been of great assistance in translating documents, will not be able to collaborate more actively with the bureau for various reasons. It will be necessary to find new members for the bureau before the meeting in Kuala Lumpur scheduled for July 2008.

Orefice points out the need to schedule further meetings of the bureau to discuss these problems before Kuala Lumpur.

Bosman suggests the possibility of arranging something to coincide with the CITRA meeting to be held in Quebec in November 2007.

Sjoblom points out that, in his opinion, not many people will be able to attend the CITRA meeting.

Orefice asks if another meeting can be planned in Europe.

Bosman says that she will be organising a meeting in Roubaix on audiovisual sports archives between February and March 2008. It is decided that if it proves impossible to arrange a meeting of the bureau in Quebec in November, one will certainly be arranged in Roubaix at the beginning of 2008.

In outlining news regarding the ICA, Sjoblom mentions the election of a new general secretary and points out that anyone might nominate candidates for the post. In connection with the new ICA website inaugurated a week earlier, he points out the need to designate two bureau members to provide the site and the ICA Flash newsletter with constantly updated information on the bureau's activities. Previously this responsibility within the bureau has belonged to Alexandros Krauss and Mbaye Thiam.

Krauss says that he has difficulty in exchanging e-mail messages with Thiam and that it would therefore not be easy to work with him for the site.

Orefice states that she can undertake this but only as regards the Turin seminar, and asks the others to send further information about the bureau's activities.

Sjoblom says that he will write on some other subject and also points out that it is indispensable to draw up plans for the role and projects of the ICA/SPO bureau over the next two years. In more detailed terms, it is indispensable to look for new members in order to establish the definitive structure of the bureau, which must have at least 20 official members.

Krauss says that it is important to have more members in Europe.

Orefice suggests carrying out a search on the Internet of all the European sports archives institutions so as to draw up a list of possible candidates for membership of the bureau.

Bosman says that she already has a list of names with e-mail addresses that can be contacted.

Sjoblom says that many of these have already been contacted but few have replied.

Krauss expresses the hope that the CITRA meeting in Quebec will provide opportunities for fresh

contacts with possible new members.

The discussion returns to the problem of finding a secretary with the ability to speak and write in both English and French. It is stressed that this problem must be solved before the meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

On being asked, Nora Santarelli says that she could do the job of the French secretary, only if guaranteed that the body employing her would cover the expenses involved in attending the various meetings, which is highly unlikely to happen.

Sjoblom puts forward the name of Sabine Christe, archivist in the IOC, who is bilingual, and says that he will contact her.

Krauss announces that the association of Greek archivists has a new president who is a state archivist and is therefore stronger and has more power in the archival field. He also states that the association is interested in the ICA sport projects, even though there are organizational problems, and describes the seminar scheduled to begin in Turin the following day as a great success for all archivists.

Sjoblom goes on to point 4 on the agenda, namely the need to elect an editorial board to write articles for *Comma* on the bureau's activities and handle the publication of the proceedings of the seminar opening the day after.

Orefice says that she hopes to be able to secure financial coverage for the publication of the proceedings and declares her readiness to serve as a member of the editorial board.

Sjoblom suggests that she should be joined by someone bilingual and suggests the name of Fina Sola y Gasset. It is then decided that Orefice, Solà y Gasset and Sjoblom forms the editorial group for *Comma*'s issue on sports archives, at least on SPO's behalf. He also outlines a request received from the director of the national journal of the Belgian archives and libraries for a certain number of articles to be published in a special issue devoted to sports archives. The articles should discuss the situation as regards the archives of sports in the different countries and must be submitted by the end of January 2008. Orefice says that she can ask someone in the Italian General Directorate who is an expert on this question to write an article.

Krauss says that he can ask a university lecturer for an article regarding Greece.

Sjoblom states his readiness to write an article on the birth of the ICA/SPO.

Bosman says that she can write an article on the Archives nationales du Monde du Travail in Roubaix.

As regards point 5, Sjoblom declares the need to organize a working group to handle preparations for the first official general assembly of the ICA/SPO, not least through the presentation of official candidates for the election of the definitive bureau. Another working group will serve to organize the

conference as such, e.g. workshops, an exhibit, etc.

Bosman suggests that the people who have already undertaken to organise and manage the meeting in Kuala Lumpur can be contacted and asked to prepare the said workshops and exhibition in concrete terms under the jurisdiction of the ICA.

Sjoblom agrees but stresses that it is important first of all to decide within the bureau what exactly they wanted to do.

Orefice suggests the possibility of concentrating on the activities of the first group and supervising the activities of the second working group, which must be coordinated by someone on the spot, from a distance. She points out the need to plan where and when to hold the meeting of the new bureau and to ensure the greatest possible circulation of information regarding the bureau, also through agreements with the ICA.

Sjoblom states that he will handle contacts with Perrine Canavaggio, deputy secretary general of the ICA, as regards formal issues and forward the other proposals and requests to the various members concerned.

Krauss says that he hopes to secure the involvement of another Greek person in the bureau, if possible someone from the state archives.

Orefice stresses the need for everyone to put forward names so as to draw up a list of possible candidates. The existing members of the provisional executive committee will present their candidates in Kuala Lumpur, the elections will be held, and those elected to the executive committee will choose the president from amongst them.

Krauss expresses the fear that there will be far fewer people in Kuala Lumpur than at the meeting in Vienna and therefore fewer people interested in the ICA-SPO section.

Sjoblom stresses his intention to secure the involvement of Sabine Christe in the bureau. It is agreed to invite Sabine Christe as a new member of the bureau.

Orefice proposes that Christe should also be invited to the meeting to be held in Roubaix at the beginning of 2008.

Krauss asks Bosman to send him some more information about this meeting.

Bosman confirms that she will invite Christe and proposes the involvement of some young people in the bureau, for instance her assistant Agnès-Gersende Piernas, who is then also appointed as a new member of the bureau.

Sjoblom recalls that his present position as president of the ICA-SPO was decided by e-mail.

Everyone agrees to proceed with the official appointment of Kenth Sjoblom as president of the section

and the relevant steps are taken.

Sjoblom concludes by pointing out the need for efforts to ensure the greatest possible awareness of the section. The next relevant events where to promote the section are the congress in July in Copenhagen, the conference to be held in Brittany in September on sports and the arts, and of course at the next meeting of the bureau to be held in Roubaix at the beginning of 2008. He also states his intention to establish contacts with the IAAF (International Association of Athletic Federations), which constitutes a possible sponsor, and to refer to Mbaye Thiam in this connection.

The meeting ends at 6.15 pm.