ICA SPO Bureau Meeting
29 September 2010
National Archives, Helsinki (Finland)

Minutes of Meeting

Present
Kenth Sjöblom (KS) CHAIR
Sabine Christe SECRETARY (French)
Laurence Ward SECRETARY (English)
Fina Solà Gasset
Gersende Pernas

Apologies
Françoise Bosman
Beng Choo Low
Isabella Orefice
Mbaye Thiam

1. Opening of the Meeting and Welcome by the Section Chair
The meeting opened at 14:10. Kenth welcomed the bureau to Helsinki.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting, Agenda for the Meeting
The minutes of the meeting were agreed and adopted.
3. Report on SPO Activities

Fina

Fina wrote an article on the bureau meeting in London for the Archivists Association of Catalonia and to explain what SPO does. The information was also posted on the AAC website. Fina also reported on SPO activities at a meeting of Spanish archive institutions.

Gersende

Gersende reported that her work on sports archives in France has led to four new Fonds being taken by her organisation. She has also worked on the publication of a cultural dictionary on sport in France. Françoise contributed a section on sports archives.

A conference was held in Robaix in November with Cercle Bernard Jeu on sports history. There is also an upcoming conference on French Olympic studies in November 2010 organised by Memos. Kenth will be speaking at this conference for SPO.

Sabine

Sabine has worked on the ‘Sporting Cities’ project with Laurence and hosted a meeting in Lausanne to discuss the future direction and IOC involvement.

Sabine has also translated several SPO documents to French.

Laurence

Laurence added several updates to the website and has created a SPO web address. The ‘line spacing’ issue on the SPO web page cannot be resolved by the ICA webmaster – which is extremely frustrating. The SPO brochure has now been added in several languages.

Laurence continues to promote the ‘Sporting Cities’ project and LMA will host a meeting of Cultural Attaches in London next week to generate political backing to support the activity of national and regional participants.

At LMA, the Winning Endeavours project has progressed very well and an excellent source for London 1908 and 1948 records is developing well.

Kenth

Kenth contributed an article to ICA Flash on the London joint meeting with SMA section. He attended the Executive Board meeting in Seoul in late May. This included meetings with sections and branches to develop closer co-operation between ICA bodies. Section budgets were discussed in Seoul and Kenth joined a working group to analyse and present recommendations on distribution of ICA funds to sections. Kenth also participated in sessions on the future development of ICA democracy including elections, by-laws and standardisation.
Kenth reported that preparations for the SPO issue of Comma are complete and publication is expected in April 2011.

Kenth has organised a seminar on digitising sports archives which will take place in Helsinki tomorrow.

Kenth has recruited new members from the Sports Museum of Estonia and the Swedish Football Association. Organisations in Brazil and Korea have also been approached without success so far. He has received initial interest from an organisation in Trinidad and Tobago.

Kenth has asked ICA whether some members could contribute activity (eg translation) rather than paying fees, which are high for some organisations. He awaits feedback on this suggestion.

4. Report on Oslo Executive Board Meeting Sept 12 2010

The Comma board meeting in Oslo confirmed that SPO articles will be published in April 2011. Fina will update her article and send to Kenth in the next week. The issue will be titled ‘Sports Archives’.

Further branch and section meetings took place.

There was no news on the release date for the new website.

Kenth discussed directories with several sections including SAR, who are looking at similar developments. SLA already has a directory. There was agreement that it would be useful for all ICA directories to look as similar as possible.

5. SPO Directory

Esther from SAR has contacted Fina to discuss collaboration in this area. SAR has a PCOM funded project to develop a directory. ICA wants us to meet ICA regulations for descriptions of fonds and institutions.

Fina suggested that new bureau members could contact organisations which could be involved in the directory.

Fina has created a draft letter to organisations, introducing SPO and requesting participation.

Kenth suggested that ICA branches and regional organisations could also be called upon to help.

Sabine noted a meeting in Switzerland in November which will include a lot of organisations who keep sports archives, including FIFA and UEFA. Agreed that Kenth will contact the ICA branches as a first step. Laurence will prepare Fina’s letter, Sabine will translate into French. Kenth will send the letter to branches in November. Once we have the results of this exercise, we will decide on the next steps.
6. SPO Governance
Kenth introduced the proposed changes to the SPO regulations. The bureau discussed the proposals and agreed a number of amendments.

7. SPO Membership
Kenth has approached a number of bodies, as reported above in section 3.

8. Preparations for IC A Congress in Brisbane 2012
Kenth introduced this topic. Fina suggested that a stand, like the one used in Kuala Lumpur. Kenth agreed this idea and suggested presenting some sessions on sports archives. Provision will be reviewed, depending on number of bureau members attending. Kenth suggested asking for volunteers from Australian sports organisations. Fina suggested a joint stand with another ICA section.

A member meeting will also be held in 2012 but probably not Brisbane as there are unlikely to be many bureau members there.

9. 2011 SPO Bureau Meeting
Kenth reported the possibility of a joint meeting in Athens in 2011 with two other ICA sections. Kenth will get more information. Sabine suggested that the IOC in Lausanne might be able to host the SPO meeting as an alternative.

10. Any Other Business
Fina suggested that the bureau have regular online meetings between annual bureau meetings. This was accepted as a useful way to support bureau work throughout the year.

Fina was nominated and elected as a joint vice chair for SPO.

Laurence asked for images to illustrate the new web pages.

The meeting closed at 19:00