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SPO section on sports archives

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WHAT is SPO?

SPO, the Section on Sports Archives, was founded in 2004 during the ICA Congress in Vienna. The mission of ICA is to promote the preservation and use of archives and records around the world through international cooperation. SPO's members are institutions, associations and individual persons who work with, or have an active interest in, sports archives.

SPO's mission is the preservation and safeguarding of sports archives worldwide. In trying to achieve its goals, the section arranges seminars and workshops for increasing information about sports archives, cooperates with institutions, sports research organisations and authorities, and spreads information through publications and its own web page.

SPO Projects

- Seminars and workshops on sports archives.
- Sessions on sports archives issues during congresses, with the attempt to approach sport history from a broad perspective (economy, law, philosophy, health, media, gender etc.).
- Raising the awareness of governments and the general public on the needs to preserve sports archives in private and public sports associations and institutions.
- Elaboration of archiving guidelines and norms to sports archives institutions and sports organisations (federations and clubs).
- A directory on sports archives institutions worldwide.

SPO Bureau

The work of SPO is carried out by a Bureau who is elected at the SPO General Assembly during the quadrennial Congress of ICA.

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