

The Netherlands has chosen for a woman, **Ms. Erica TERPSTRA**, as president of its national Olympic Committee and Sports Federation



Erica TERPSTRA

Ms. Erica Terpstra is elected as the new President of The Netherlands Olympic Committee * Netherlands Sports Confederation (NOC*NSF). She was officially installed in her new function during the NOC*NSF General Assembly on 21 November 2003, succeeding M. Hans Blankert who successfully held the NOC*NSF Presidency for the past four years.

Ms. Terpstra participated at the Olympic Games in Rome 1960 and won silver and bronze in Tokyo 1964 as a swimmer. Terpstra was the Dutch Sports Minister and has been an NOC*NSF Board Member for the past 5 years. Internationally, she has been a member of the EOC Executive Committee and the chairperson of the EYOF Commission in the years 1997-2001. She also is Board Member of the International Olympic Truce Federation since 1997.

She is the first woman elected President of a NOC in Europe and the 4th one in activity at an International level (after the Dominican Republic, Somalia and Botswana).

Ms. Terpstra didn't use her female background as an argument to win. "Most important is to look for the president who is in the best interest of NOC*NSF. That the best one should be appointed is clear". But we are convinced anyhow that Ms. Terpstra will give a positive impulse to the position of women in sports.

Special thanks to Ms. Marieke GERRITSEN, our EWS contact person from the Netherlands.

News Section

In Israel, **Ms. Limor LIVNAT** works hard to promote gender equality and women rights in sports



Following the 2001 parliament elections, **Ms. Limor LIVNAT** was appointed Minister of Education, the country's second largest ministry. Her first action was to appoint a woman director general. In 2003, the ministry has expanded to include Culture and Sports.

As a known activist for women's rights and gender equality, Mrs. Limor LIVNAT has publicly declared to every single Israeli sports bodies, that the promotion of women's sports is the utmost important goal to her.

Following are the special projects relating to women's sports that were adopted during 2003 :

- Legislation : A new sports' regulation was approved in the Israeli Parliament concerning adequate women's representation at all levels of sports activity ;
- Changes were introduced regarding recommendations by the "Public Committee of the Council for Sports Lottery" (the Katz Committee) pertaining to the advancement of women in sports – a notable step towards affirmative action ;
- "A Special National Programme for the Advancement of Women's Sport in Israel" was finalised to be applied in 2004 ;
- A "Code of Ethics" to prevent violence and sexual harassment in sports was accepted by Olympic Committee and all Sports Federations ;
- The Educational TV will screen 18 live programmes of school tournaments, 40% of which are girls' sports , as compared to last year's 20%.

To conclude, since Mrs. Livnat entered office, the total atmosphere concerning women in sports has changed, many actions are undertaken advancing women' sports, and there is full support for the Ministry's Unit for the Advancement of Women in Sports and the Israeli Women Sports Foundation.

Special thanks to Ms. Sholmit NIR-TOOR, our EWS contact person from Israel.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2004

March 7-9
3rd World Conference on Women and Sport (IOC) Theme : "New Strategies, New Commitments"
Marrakech, Morocco

March 5-6
ENGSO Ex. Com. meeting
Paris, France

March 26-28
Women's Hockey : Gender Issues On and Off the Ice Saint Mary's University,
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

April 23-25
6th European Conference on Women and Sport
Paris, France

August 7-10
Pre-Olympic Congress : Quality on Physical Education
Thessalonique, Greece

August 13-29
Olympic Games
Athens, Greece

September 3-5
Constituent EWS Steering Group meeting
Vienna, Austria

September 17-28
Paralympic Games
Athens, Greece

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• French National Olympic and Sports Committee •
www.franceolympique.com/



• French Ministry of Sports •
www.jeunesse-sports.gouv.fr/



• International Working Group on Women and Sport •
www.iwg-gti.org/



• Austrian Sports' Organisation •
www.bso.or.at/

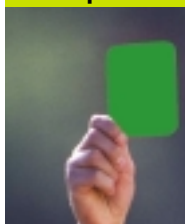


• Council of Europe : equality between women and men •
www.coe.int/t/e/Human_Rights/Equality/



• WomenSport International •
www.sportsbiz.bz/womensportinternational/index.htm

Well done to "O Norte Desportivo", a Portuguese Newspaper !



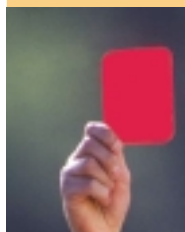
One week before the International Congress on Women and Sport ("Action for changing"), held in Porto last November (2003), the Newsweek named "O Norte Desportivo" devoted the entire newspaper to Women and Sport. Beside this exceptional action, this newspaper seems today

to be more careful about the coverage of female athletes even lots of works still to be done in order to make public opinion and media's professionals aware of this lack.



Special thanks to the Faculty of Sport Sciences and Physical Education (Porto University) and the Portuguese Association Women and Sport as well as Ms. Isabel CRUZ and Ms. Paula BOTELHO GOMEZ for their works during the International Congress. It was a good chance to motivate professionals and students for questions about equality of opportunities in sport and physical education and also discuss new pedagogical perspectives and actions to improve physical activity, at school and in other environments. The EWS Chairwoman, Ms. Chantal AMADE-ESCOT, gave a talk on, gave a talk on gender issues in physical education.

Blatter should wear his bathing suit to work in his office !



Fri, 16 Jan 2004, FIFA president Sepp Blatter said the women's game needed different sponsors from men's soccer and could attract these clients with the use of "more feminine uniforms" ... "Tighter shorts, for example." Blatter made the comments during an interview with the Swiss newspaper

SonntagsBlick. He added "In volleyball the women also wear other uniforms than the men. Pretty women are playing football today. Excuse me for saying that." In the report, Blatter suggested women's soccer should try attracting fashion and cosmetics sponsors.

How a man in a powerful position can make such irresponsible comments ? It seems we still have a long way to go to reach equality and to reduce gender inequalities and promote women rights !

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Conference

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Golf Phenom Grace Park.



Femmes, Sport et Démocratie

Malgré des avancées incontestables, il reste encore du travail pour accroître la participation démocratique des femmes dans le sport à tous les niveaux, dans toutes les fonctions et dans tous les rôles.

Dans ce contexte, on ne peut que se réjouir de l'adoption le 5 juin 2003, de la résolution sur la place des femmes dans le sport, par le Parlement

Européen, à l'initiative de Geneviève FRAISSE, Députée Européenne. Cette résolution est un point d'appui fort et va permettre d'agir comme un levier au sein des instances dirigeantes sportives.

Il reste néanmoins encore de nombreux points d'inquiétudes en cette année européenne de l'éducation par le sport 2004 :

- l'accès inégal des femmes aux installations sportives ;

- la question de l'éducation physique et sportive qui reste inégalement développée dans de nombreux pays ;
- la question du communautarisme à l'échelle locale qui limite la pratique des jeunes femmes.

Tous ces enjeux seront abordés lors de la 6^{ème} Conférence Européenne Femmes et Sport à Paris, en avril prochain, dans laquelle est prévu de favoriser un forum d'échanges (12 ateliers) autour de ces questions essentielles.



Women, Sport and Democracy

Despite fundamental achievements and clear progress, there is still unfinished business to boost and increase the democratic involvement of women in sport at all levels and in all functions and roles.

In this context, one can only be glad that, under the initiative of Geneviève FRAISSE, European deputy, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the place of women in sport, last June 2003. This resolution is a strong point of support

and is going to be used as a lift within the sports decision-making bodies.

Nevertheless, in this European Year of Education through Sport 2004, we still face huge issues and concerns such as:

- women's unequal access to sports services and facilities ;
- the process of developing physical and sport education in Europe is still incomplete or uneven ;
- issues relating to minorities and ethnic communities within local society

which constraint the access to sporting activities for young women.

All these issues will be addressed during the 6th European Conference on Women and Sport in Paris, next April, in which is planned to encourage interactions between participants (12 workshops) around these frequently asked questions.

Chantal Amade-Escot
E.W.S. Chairwoman

EWS Open Meeting in Dubrovnik

The Republic of Croatia was in charge to organise and host the 16th European Conference on Sport as well as the EWS Open Meeting, from 23rd to 26th September 2003, in Dubrovnik. One of our main objectives was to provide a place for the discussion and facilitate exchanges among the EWS contact persons. The motto chosen for this Open Meeting was "Making Sport Attractive for all Women".

Mr. Mario PESCANTE could not attend the EWS Open Meeting but sent his talk to the EWS Chair which was read in the introduction of the Open Meeting by Mr. Frédéric FRAISSE. The EOC showed a strong support to our network. Mario PESCANTE is willing to encourage women in leading positions to ensure Gender Balance in Decision Making in sport and willing to further develop the participation of girls and women in sport at all levels. The EWS Open Meeting was divided into several sections where experts shared their views and achievements in the area such as "Decision-making position", "Sport at the top ... and then ?" and "Personal development". Even if the discussion were really fruitful, we have to highlight an important issue : Does the governmental sports organisations really want to support women involved in this work ? Since 1994 the EWS has an



EWS members in Dubrovnik

associate member status at the ESC Executive Committee and it is stipulated that ESC countries are expected to include EWS contact persons in their national delegations or to facilitate, in another way, their participation at the European Sports Conference, as well. This is not respected and some European countries did not dare to respect equality during the EWS Open Meeting. Some countries sent several men to Dubrovnik and did not send the EWS person contact.

One of the major event of the EWS Open Meeting was the announcement of the next country in charge of the EWS Chair. We received three applications. Only one of them filled out the complete requirements. After hearing the delegations, the EWS Steering Group members, adopted unanimously Austria as the next EWS Chair for the period 2004-2006. Ms Liese PROKOP, actual vice-governor of the Lower Austria Province will be the next Chair and Ms. Erika KÖNIG-ZENZ will be the General Secretary.

Special thanks to Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia for its warm welcome in Dubrovnik.

The International Working Group on Women and Sport met in London to discuss gender equity in sport



UK Sport hosted the last IWG annual meeting on November 8-9, 2003, at Bisham

Abbey, the National Sports Centre. One of the main objectives was to discuss issues, strategies and actions to plan in order to implement appropriate women and sport policies over the World.

Ms. Chantal AMADE-ESCOT, EWS Chairwoman and also IWG member, attended this meeting. She reports that one of the most important issues is to monitor and

build stronger interactions with other sports organisations such as the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, as well as international sports federation and international organisations. We have to share each others our experiences and actions in order to move on quicker and integrate women in decision-making sport bodies. In this sense, the IWG will clarify and communicate its role and will continue to collaborate with other key bodies. A process for identifying and working with "collaborative partners" has been set up. After Montreal (Canada), the next

World Conference on Women and Sport will be held on May, 11-14, 2006 in Kumamoto (Japan), organised by the Japanese Olympic Committee and the Japanese Association for Women in Sport. The motto for this conference is « participating in change ».

An informal IWG meeting will be held on the margin of the 3rd World Conference on Women and Sport (IOC) in Marrakech, Morocco in March 2004. Do not miss this opportunity to meet with the IWG Co-chairs Etsuko OGA-SAWARA (Japan) and Sue NEILL (Canada).

Women's golf with the French Federation

Women are the future of sports !

Two years ago, the French Federation of Golf set up a national strategy to bring collective knowledge and action together to promote a better participation of girls and women in golf. This strategy has been a great success. Ms. Marie-Hélène VIENNE, vice-president of the FFG decided to hold a Round Table one day prior the 10th Evian Masters, the famous international women's tournament, to share new ideas from the people who have created successful activities.

It appears that one of the most useful tool to break the issues facing girls and women in the practice of golf is the sponsorship of women novice by other women (or men) already involved in golf. The results are quite

significant. The women participation increased to 46% instead of a usual 30% of women practising golf. Moreover, the average age decreases from 48 to 32 years old !

Involving women in sport modify the spirit of this sport. Ms. Nicole AMELINE, French Minister for Equal Opportunities, who was invited to the Round Table, went further saying women humanize sport and mentioned the necessity to encourage and highlight positive examples according the following principle: "she did it then I can do it too !". In addition, Ms. Dominique PETIT, Chairwoman of the Human Resources Department of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee, emphasised the importance to increase representa-



tion of women in decision making and leadership roles within sport. She also noted that men and women have to work together in order to achieve the goal of eliminating inequalities and promoting equal opportunities between women and men.

We sincerely hope that the next Round Table of this active and fruitful Working Group will be held within the 6th EWS Conference next April.

The French National Olympic and Sports Committee and the French Ministry of Sports have pleasure in cordially inviting you to **The 6th European Conference on Women & Sport** PARIS – APRIL 2004

Who can attend ?

This conference is aimed at women and men who are interested in the purpose of achieving gender equality and who represent non-governmental or governmental sport organisations in European countries.

The official language of the conference is English, however simultaneous translation will be provided for English/French and French/English.

PROGRAM

Friday, April 23rd

Morning

- Official welcome and opening
- **Plenary Session n° 1 – Balanced participation of women and men in decision-making**

Afternoon

- Workshops
- 1a. Gender equality in national sports policies**
- 1b. The role of European sports organisations and federations**
- 1c. Policies on sports facilities**
- 1d. Access to decision-making positions**
- Women's equal access in decision-making and leadership (action researches from the French Ministry of Sports and the CNOSF)
- Cocktail Reception at the City Hall of Paris

Saturday, April 24th

Morning

- **Plenary Session n° 2 – Democratisation of access : A socio-economic perspective**
- Workshops
- 2a. Influence of culture**
- 2b. Influence of social role and gender-based stereotypes**
- 2c. Financial and economical impact on sporting activities**
- 2d. Media coverage of female athletes**

- **Special plenary – Balanced participation of women and men in decision-making**

Afternoon

- Workshops
- 3a. European policies on physical education and sports**
- 3b. Education through sports and democracy**
- 3c. Advancement of women in senior officials**
- 3d. Role and influence of family processes**
- **Plenary Session n° 3 – Education and training : The cornerstones of democracy**
- Roundtable on **"Women, sports & democracy : Which perspectives ?"**
- Gala diner at the "Cirque d'Hiver"

Sunday, April 25th

Morning only

- Development of Women in Sport (EWS survey)
- Paris call for action
- Inaugural speech for the new EWS Chair
- Closing ceremony

Registration can be done online at the following web page : www.ews-online.com

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