



## Minutes of the IASLIM Project Group Meeting

The Meeting was held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 in Hotel Ribno in Bled, Slovenia.

### Present

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### Agenda

1. IASLIM Project of foundation of The International Association of Sport and Leisure Infrastructure Management Program for 2008
2. Program
3. Statute
4. Continental Conferences

### Sessions

#### **Session 1.**

The Project Group Meeting started at 9,30 am on May 31<sup>st</sup>, chaired by Jože Jenšterle, Head of the Group, with the presence of Enrico Carbone from Italy, Jose Dava from Mozambique, Krešimir Ivaniš from Croatia, Philipp Klotz from Germany, Klaus Menial from Germany, Carlos Vera Guardia from Chile. Later on Antonio Llop from Spain joined the session.

Following a suggestion of Mr. Jenšterle each one of the participants introduced himself to the Group.

Mr. Jenšterle started the meeting with presentation of the IASLIM Project. The Project includes foundation of The International Association of Sport and Leisure Infrastructure Management and Program of activities. He explained that The IASLIM is an organization and movement, for the purpose of improving the management of sport and leisure infrastructure through out the world, who could be the possible members benefiting from the organization and as an example presented the Catalogue of the Sports Infrastructure in Slovenia and how in very short time has motivated several institutions to make contact, establish links and initiate activities among sports centers.



A long exchange of opinions followed, about: the Catalogue usefulness, cost of production, collection of information, types of information to be collected, how to collect it, how to produce an online database, how to update the database and how frequently, how to consider existing information, how and to whom distribute the Catalogue.

At the end there was a certain consensus on the need and value of a complete database, that could be difficult and probable expensive to produce and be used to provide information to all center members, municipalities and providers of products and services.

After that, the question of how IASLIM can really help the management of sports and leisure infrastructure was discussed. General opinion was that the education and training program could be most important. On the subject it was suggested that it would be convenient to establish modest goals, consider all kinds of facilities, consider different types of users, announce the services, provide knowledge and services, define specific courses and start with one course.

At some point the issue the kind of organization IASLIM could be arose and Mr. Jenšterle explained that it would not be a bureaucratic organization with a centralized structure but a network of regional and continental organizations as part of the international structure.

## **Session 2.**

Beginning at 3.45 pm. the Group meeting continued with the discussion of the program. The discussion went back again to the Catalogue of Sports Centers in Slovenia, analyzing: the possibilities of such a publication in Germany, the experience of CONI and the value of having the information online and on paper.

The chairman then asked Carlos Vera Guardia, to present a document specially prepared for the meeting on the Education and Training Program. The brief explanation of a long document covered the following aspects: basic concepts, types of facilities, infrastructure management, areas of knowledge and subjects, education and training courses, academic models, courses description, exchange programs, scholarship system, study visits, financial support for employees, international School of Sport and Leisure Infrastructure Management and follow up system.

An interesting discussion followed from which it became evident that the Education and Training Program, if adapted to the needs of the sport and leisure centers, would be one of the most important contributions for the improvement and development of the management of sport and leisure infrastructure.

Mr. Klaus Meinel presented a list of the organization and institutions that according to his opinion are working on the management of infrastructure management.

The group members discussed then the direct relation between what those organizations do and the different aspect of the IASLIM programs. Again the discussions came back to the kind of educational and training programs necessary from the basic training level to the higher educational degrees for different levels of personnel in the management and maintenance of many diverse facilities, in accordance with their size, complexity and ownership.

As an example a book on sustainable development management was shown as well as the program of an international school in Switzerland.



The possibility of producing a Book as a basic Manual was discussed and the opinions were that it should be a small basic instrument to address the readers to more specialized links and there should be special workbooks for specific needs or the many different management issues.

### **Session 3.**

The third session started on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9.15 am. The meeting started with presentation of the status and organizational questions concerning The Association (Statute) and the presentation from Klaus Meinel of a list of existing associations of different types of sports facilities that offers some kind of training activities to their members.

Several participants observed that there are many more which does not exclude the importance of the IASLIM programs, and the different criteria used in USA, where the tendency is to offer services by specialized agencies and in Europe where the tendency is to do it all.

The discussion turned again to educational programs and the importance of developing programs or courses, responding to the needs of the members, considering the different kinds of facilities, technical characteristics, types of personnel to be trained, education levels, environmental conditions, socio economic reality, technological development, specific users, ownership and management responsibilities, which makes every case special; demanding that basic knowledge and programs must be tailored for each member or group of members to be really and answer to the needs of training and educating personnel.

Mr. J. Jenšterle showed the sample of a course already designed that shall be sent to the Group members to be considered and commented.

Later the chairman introduced briefly the structure of IASLIM as an "organization and a "movement," not bureaucratic, not centralized, formed by national associations, regional and continental associations constituted by its own members. There was a long exchange of ideas so as how to incorporate or register the organization and find the ways to legally manage the finances and assets.

Then the group members were informed of the planned Continental Conferences and other activities that include: (1) participation at the II Sports Venue Summit, September 2008 in Munich, Germany, (2) Latin American and Caribbean International Seminar and Continental Conference, 2008, (3) European International Seminar and Continental Conference, 2009, (4) African International Seminar and Continental Conference, 2009 and (5) IAKS Congress, Cologne, 2009.

After some reflections on the planned activities Mr. Jenšterle asked the participants to send their notes of the meetings to be able to produce minutes considering all opinions and send them back to all for future developments and closed the Project Group Meeting thanking all the participants for their presence and contributions to the meetings.

### **Conclusions**

1.

A need for The Association, an organization of and for professional managers of sport and leisure infrastructure, has been recognized. The International Association of Sport and Leisure Infrastructure Management aims to make commitments to the infrastructure managers and to develop profession of Sport and Leisure Infrastructure Management. The mission of The Association is development of a network of professionals, public institutions, private companies, research institutes, educational institutions, consulting agencies, regional and local communities, which plan, build, manage and maintain



sport and leisure infrastructure. The Association will open a space where knowledge and experiences of planning, building, managing and maintaining of sport and leisure infrastructure, will be exchanged between all interested parties, serving public interests, assuring sustainable development of environment and society, developing infrastructure and support entrepreneurship in "sport & leisure business".

2.

The program of The Association will include; promotion and support of foundation of the national, regional and continental associations, development and organization of the education and training programs, consultancy, information systems and (electronic) publications in the field of sport and leisure infrastructure management.

3.

To assure continuous professional development and exchange programs for specialized professions and working places needed for management and maintenance of sport and leisure infrastructure, The Association will develop certified training programs for the professionals and facility management students. These programs will be prepared in co-operation with the experts, Universities and specialized institutions.

4.

Study visits will be part of the training programs. They will be organized in the sport and leisure centers, which will be recognized as the centers of excellence in different areas of sport and leisure infrastructure management. Study visits will include theoretical topics, presentation of the management and maintenance of the infrastructure, visits of the facilities, presentation of the human resources and technologies.

5.

Opinions about the literature and publications were different. Some participants were convinced that there is enough literature on the market and we don't need to prepare another.

6.

Information systems and databases of sport and leisure infrastructure will include internet communications (web site) and consultancy services (know-how) for preparation the national and regional printed and electronic catalogues of sport and leisure infrastructure. Points of view about the catalogues were different. Klaus Meinel was of the opinion that the catalogues can be prepared only in smaller countries, which don't have many sport and leisure facilities.

7.

The idea of founding the Agency will be assessed. The Agency will be a non-profit institution and will provide professional support for the implementation of The Association's program, education and training programs, consultancy and communications with the suppliers of the products and services.

8.

The Association will develop co-operation with associations and media, from the field of sport and leisure infrastructure: IAKS International Association for Sport and Leisure Facilities, SPONSORS sport business magazine, CAE - National Association of Architects in Ecuador and others.

The minutes of the meeting has been prepared by Carlos Vera Guardia, based on the notes of Klaus Meinel, Antonio Llop, Krešimir Ivaniš, Jose Davá and Jože Jenšterle.