



International Federation of Sports Physiotherapy

NINTH GENERAL MEETING
of the
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORTS PHYSIOTHERAPY
Saturday 24th October 2009
Venue: Spanish Olympic Committee
Arequipa 13
Madrid, Spain
09:30 – 13:00

1. WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS: Laetitia Dekker, president

- Recognition of Member Countries

Apologies from countries not present:

Germany, New Zealand, Greece, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden, Luxembourg

- Recognition of New Member Countries

Italy (rejoined), Japan, Hong Kong

- Recognition of Guests of the IFSP

Javier Crupnik Argentina

Elena Dolvetti Italy

Nicki Phillips UK

Stephen Mutch UK

Barbara Plumberger Austria

(Total of 22 people at the meeting)

- Introduction of IFSP Board Laetitia Dekker-Bakker (President), Jose Antonio Urrialde Martinez (Vice President), Jan Smith (Secretary), Mark DeCarlo (Treasurer), Henning Langberg, Mike Voight (Members at Large), Apology Gul Baltaci

2. ELECTION OF VOTING BOARD

Motion to elect the voting board Jose Esteves (Chair), Tara O'Meara, Karl Lochner for the 2009 IFSP General Meeting. Vote in favour 14 Vote against 0 Abstain 0

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda .Vote in favour 14 Vote against 0 Abstain 0

4. ROLL CALL – VALIDATION OF MEMBERSHIP (VOTING MEMBERS)

- Member Country Status (Voting Delegates with Proper Authorization, total 14)

Australia (Jan Smith)

Austria (Karl Lochner)

Bulgaria (Rumiana Tacheva)

Denmark (Bente Anderssen)

Hong Kong (Willis Chan)

Italy (Andrea Fusco)



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Ireland (Tara O'Meara)
Netherlands (Laetitia Dekker-Bakker)
Portugal (Jose Esteves)

Spain (Jesus Seco)
Switzerland (Mario Bizzini)
Turkey (Aysenur Besler Tuncer),
UK (Laura Hanna)
USA (Mark De Carlo)

- Member Countries Absent from GM (Proxies Nominated and Validated)

No absent country has chosen to nominate a proxy

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS GM

Motion to accept the 2007 IFSP General Meeting minutes.

Vote in favour 14 Vote against 0 Abstain 0

6. CORRESPONDANCE IN/OUT

- Correspondance from Sports Physiotherapy Australia
- Correspondance regarding candidates for 2009 IFSP Executive Board Election

7. OLD BUSINESS

- IFSP Registration Policies with approval of the meeting moved to Agenda Point 10
- IFSP Accreditation Policies with approval of the meeting moved to Agenda Point 10

8. IFSP EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

* President:

- IFSP 2007 and 2008 Year End Activity Report (*Attachment 1 and 2*)
Motion to accept the Year End Activity Reports, 2007 & 2008.
Vote in favour 14 Vote against 0 Abstain 0
- IFSP 2009 Year to Date Report (verbal)

Summary

- Meeting with Brenda Myers (manager WCPT) Laetitia was asked by the subgroups to represent them in dialogue with WCPT about how subgroups could become more involved, one item which received extensive discussion was the 2011 conference in Amsterdam
- Meeting with Robert Hoogland (conference organiser of NVFS, the Dutch Sports Physiotherapy Group) about possibilities for IFSP to run educational activities in the Netherlands and input into WCPT conference
- Project 10 Competence European Union project, contacted Laetitia because they are working with the Italians from Genoa who were involved in the SPA project. They offered the possibility of assistance with making the audit tool kit more digitally useable and placing it on the educational portal. The project will be finished by the end of this year. The assistance may be offered from 2010.



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*Vice President

- IFSP 2007-9 Year to Date Report verbal, written attached (*Attachment 3*)

*Secretary

- IFSP 2007 and 2008 Year End Report
 - Written report sent to delegates prior to meeting
 - No comments/questions
 - Asked that all delegates inform secretary if contact details change specifically if email change or personel change eg change of delegate or chair of Sports Group. If delegate hasn't received communication in 2 months please contact secretary to check contact details are current.

*Treasurer: (See summaries of figures in attached PowerPoint file General Meeting Slides Finance Items)

- IFSP 2007 and 2008 Year End Financial Report
Motion to accept the 2007 and 2008 Year End Financial Report
Vote in favour 14 Vote against 0 Abstain 0
- IFSP 2007 and 2008 Year Account Profit & Loss Statement
Motion to accept the 2007 and 2008 Profit & Loss Statement
Vote in favour 14 Vote against 0 Abstain 0
- IFSP 2009 Year to Date Financial Report

* Members at large:

- IFSP 2009 Year to Date Report

Henning Langberg (verbal)

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the IFSP Board for all work that has been conducted. It has been a fantastic time. There has been considerable struggle as the tasks were big and complex. Also this Board is the most economical Board that I have been on as the finances are tight. Despite being thrifty, the board has achieved a lot as we have a common focus that is improving recognition of Sports Physiotherapists world wide. Even though I am leaving the Board, Denmark will still play an active role as a member country and I will continue to work on the scientific congress committee for the benefit of IFSP.

9. IFSP COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Administrative Service: EB Liaison – Mark DeCarlo
 - Finance committee: Mark DeCarlo
 - IFSP Financial Audit Sub-Committee Reports 2007 and 2008
The finances were audited by the sub-committee and signed off; copies were provided in the finance documents sent to delegates prior to the meeting. No questions were asked.
 - Strategic planning committee - Mark DeCarlo
 - Sponsor committee - Mark DeCarlo (supported by Laetitia Dekker and Mario Bizzini)

Update presented by Mark DeCarlo .This is an issue that the committee have spent considerable time on in the last few years.

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However, the current economic downturn has made it extremely difficult to secure sponsorship. A strong lead had been followed with Cirque de Soleil. The company is very interested in developing a sponsorship program with IFSP. This has been flagged in the budget but is dependant on the economic climate in the near future. All other issues will be covered in other areas of the meeting

- Educational Service: EB Liaison-Mike Voight
 - Publication committee: Jan Smith/ Mario Bizzini/Laetitia Dekker (e-news, website)
Update presented by Mario Bizzini
Website – IFSP.nl There have been some problems with updating this website. Looking to the future we will aim to develop a new entry portal next year with latest news, updates on the initial page and then link to previous web site (IFSP.nl). Would like feedback from all members about the new website and potential content. Can send all ideas to Mario Bizzini at cse.lue@bluewin.ch

E-news - Until this year the e-news was compiled and distributed by the Australian Sports Group. Thank you for this contribution to IFSP. From the start of this year the e-news has been done by the Swiss Group in a slightly different format. Three newsletters have been completed this year. The aim is to do 6 next year so more information can be disseminated. They should be received every 2 months January, March, May, July, September and November. They are emailed to individual delegates and should then be sent by the delegates to the individual members of each country group in order to keep members informed and involved. Each e-news is also available for viewing and downloading from the IFSP website. It can be attached as a link to the country members' website if desired.

A request from Ireland and United Kingdom was made to also send the e-news as an email attachment to facilitate distribution. This idea was accepted and should be enacted with the next e-news.

- Scientific Congress committee: Mike Voight/(supported by Laetitia Dekker Mark DeCarlo, Henning Langberg)

Update presented by Mike Voight

In May 2009, Mike Voight and Henning Langberg were invited to speak in South Africa as representatives of IFSP. They spoke at both the Biennial Conference of the South African Physiotherapy Association and gave two pre-conference courses for the South African Sports Physiotherapy Group. This worked well to develop the profile of IFSP as there was representation from all over Africa and the Middle East area.

IFSP would like to be more involved with conferences and also in the future conduct our own conference, but it is vitally important to be fiscally responsible as well as ensure that the profile of IFSP is developed.



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The next IFSP conference will be in conjunction with WCPT in Amsterdam 2011. At this time it is planned to be around the WCPT meetings. Plans will be posted in the e-news and other correspondence as they develop. Please pass this information on to individual members in whatever way is appropriate in your country to encourage members to attend the IFSP part of the conference and the General Meeting.

In the meantime the Board is aiming to profile IFSP by reaching out to colleagues who are involved with existing conferences of high profile organisations to develop increasing IFSP participation.

In planning stages:

European Congress on Sports Medicine Turkey 2010

Contact with IOC World Congress in Monaco 2011

ESKA 2012

Also looking to work with ISAKOS and FIFA to build relationships with them and become involved in the scientific programs of their conferences.

- Research committee: Henning Langberg
Update presented by Henning Langberg
Due to limited funding there is no opportunity to generate funded research of our own. The alternative is to set up collaboration with research labs around the world. The idea is that in the long run there is a link on the internet with endorsed research centres, so networking will become easier between the centres. This facility may be added to new website in the future.
Also on web site it is planned to have tutorials on topics which facilitate research for example submitting to journals and giving presentations. Peter McNair (from New Zealand) has come up with ideas as to how to raise money with sponsorship to provide research grants for travel, networking, presenting at conferences. The IFSP Research committee will work on developing these ideas.
- Professional Development committee: Laetitia Dekker

Presented by Nicki Phillips (Incoming Chair of Professional Development Committee)

Summary of the Executive Board meeting discussions on this topic and the Professional development Committee Meeting held yesterday afternoon (Friday 23rd October).

The role of this committee will change over next the few years because of role of the newly created IFSP Registration Board. This Board has been created to develop the process of IFSP registration.

The new role of the Professional Development Committee (PDC) will be to help physiotherapists develop to the point where they are qualified to register as IFSP Sports Physiotherapists.

The initial aim is to create a list of courses that each member country is conducting. This can be any sort of course. The basic information will be completed on a template for example the type of course, content, what languages is it in, what competencies does it cover, and ideally mapped to IFSP competencies. This database will then be available on the web for physiotherapists to access. The idea is that this will facilitate a networking forum – so if a country developed a good area and another country would like to develop that area they can contact the country about the course.

There may also be generic courses for example presentation skills, abstract and poster preparation (which may be developed by the IFSP Research Committee).

The process will be: template will be created by PDC and sent to the IFSP delegates. The delegates (or appropriate person in member country) complete the template regularly and send it to Nicki



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Phillips (phillips.n@cardiff.ac.uk) who will collate it and work with publications committee to develop the best way to disseminate the information via the website and e-news.

Question from Andrea Fusco in Italy. The Italian Sports Physiotherapy Group would like to try to find out the needs of football clubs and what they expect from a physiotherapist. Is there an existing questionnaire to clubs about if they have a physiotherapist and what role do they play?

Laetitia Dekker – This is not available at the level of IFSP however in the Netherlands any physiotherapist who works at level of an elite team should be registered as a recognised Dutch Sports Physiotherapist. (achieved 3 months ago). The competency profile for registration meets the needs of the football federation. Italy could make enquiries to NVFS (the Dutch Sports Physiotherapy Association) about what documents they used. This initiative is good for promotion of the profession in the country. It is an opportunity to inform football clubs that physiotherapists offer more than massage, for example injury prevention.

Andrea Fusco – In Italy physiotherapists are not required to be registered or to be a member of the National Organisation, so it is difficult to know how many physiotherapists are working in this area.

Mario Bizzini - FIFA have done surveys on football clubs. In a survey like this there is a need to define the level of the club. The difference between clubs is largely a matter of finance. Many clubs would like to have the services of a physiotherapist but don't have the money. A questionnaire is a good idea but in order to get cooperation and thus accurate information one needs to contact the club administrators directly as it is very political environment. The best option would be to work through the national football association or Olympic committee.

Karl Lochner- Austria now have 2 post graduate sports courses operational. This has necessitated and facilitated close contact with national sports organisation so physiotherapists can now have an influence on them. Also becoming involved with the training of sports trainers enables sports physiotherapists to educate them as to what a sports physiotherapist does and how their skills can be utilised.

Laetitia Dekker. The Dutch experience is that may need to contact the people who work at the elite level directly and get them networking as they may often not be a member of the national sports physiotherapy organisation.

- Governance Service: EB Liaison-Gül Baltaci
 - Articles committee: Laetitia Dekker

There is a non urgent need to formally modify the articles and have them officially recorded.

The Board in response to members has changed the frequency of general meeting to every 2 years but would like to get back to annual meetings as soon as possible, when finance permits, to facilitate communication.

Another question asked of notary was about the number of board members.

The advice received was that the EB can change the number of board members with an in house agreement.

- Ethics committee: Vibecke Bechtold nothing to report



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- Nominating committee: Gül Baltaci
For the current election of IFSP Board members the Board received three nominations and notice from the member organisations supporting these candidates. The curriculum vitae and letter of interest were circulated to the country delegates in preparation for the election at this meeting.
- Membership Service: EB Liaison- José Antonio Martin Urrialde
 - Awards committee: Nicola Phillips
No sponsorship for funding of awards so no action from awards committee.
All documents in place when we are able to secure some funding
 - Membership committee: José Antonio Martin Urrialde

New members- Fiji Island have expressed interest in becoming a member
 - IFSP Olympic Resource committee: Michael Voight / Jan Smith (supported by Mark DeCarlo and Laetitia Dekker):
IOC very difficult to become involved with. IFSP has done a lot of work in past which was not successful so has decided (due to financial situation) to place this achievement as a lower priority than others until sometime in the future.
 - IFSP Paralympic Resource committee: Nevin Ergun
No further information, Nevin is continuing to facilitate networking amongst physiotherapists involved in providing services at the Paralympic Games.
- Summary IFSP Committee Meetings: Mark DeCarlo

Committee vacancies

Audit subcommittee – no volunteers from delegates so Mark will ask Daan Spanjersberg wishes to continue on the audit committee

Nominating committee – Bente Anderssen volunteered to joining the committee
Professional development committee – Nicki Phillips (chair), Laetitia Dekker, Mark DeCarlo, Mario Bizzini, Romain Meeusen, Robert van Cingel, Margaret Grant (consultant), Tara O'Meara

Publications committee – Karl Lochner interested in linking pin between professional development committee and publications committee, Jan Smith (chair), Mario Bizzini, Laetitia Dekker

Research Committee – no chair currently, position to be filled
Jose Esteves (co-chair and acting chair), Peter McNair, Erik Witvrouw

Scientific Congress Committee

Mike Voight (chair)

Mario Bizzini

Mark DeCarlo

Stephen Mutch

Robert van Cingel

Gul Baltaci

Laetitia Dekker

Henning Langberg

Awards committee

Nicki Phillips (chair)



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David Hunter
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Olympic Resource Committee

Michael Voight (Chair), Laetitia Dekker, Jan Smith

IFSP Paralympic Resource Committee

Nevin Ergun (chair)

Membership Committee

Jose Antonio Urrialde (chair)

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 2009 SPTS Dues Forgiveness –
The USA was unable to pay fees for 2009 due to the financial crisis. The American sports association (SPTS) have given IFSP considerable support over the years – including always funding 1 person to the meetings. If SPT is no longer a member IFSP will lose representation from a full continent as well as a valuable member country. Therefore the IFSP board took the decision to forgive the USA membership fees for 2009.

- IFSP Financial Strategic Initiatives –
IFSP is focussing on four areas to improve the financial situation. The budget has been in deficit for the last 4 years. The main problem is paying for the Maastricht conference debt which has one more year to go (December 2010). Also as part of SPA project IFSP had to contribute dollars for Laetitia Dekker's work, IFSP has not been able to pay off this loan and will do so as soon as payment to the Health and Beauty company is completed.

- Now looking to future to derive income
 - Accreditation fees for educational programs
Approved list of learning program- Bath SPY program, Masters in Sports Physiotherapy fee Euro 1500
 - Sponsorship fees – very difficult to find as the world recovering from economic crisis. IFSP has continued to communicate with different companies to develop sponsorship. Currently working hard with Cirque de Soleil, not just a sponsorship deal as the relationship also relates to job opportunities for member of our member countries, so it presents a very interesting opportunity.
 - Conferences
Early on IFSP had great success with sponsoring conferences and gaining income. In the recent past there hasn't been a lot of opportunity to do (due to financial restrictions), so IFSP has worked hard on the partnering option for example our partnership with the Spanish Sports Federation for this conference and orthopaedics surgeons etc so there is less financial risk.

Andrea Fusco – the experience in Italy is that sports medicine doctors are more important professionals to partner with than surgeons.

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The Scientific Congress Committee would like a list of potential speakers who could represent IFSP in these conferences so build on networking and the profile of IFSP.

- New member organizations
Welcoming Italy, Japan and Hong Kong for 2009. Currently communicating with Fiji Islands, Belgium, Finland, Poland, Israel, Slovakia and the Czech Republic

Laetitia Dekker

Motion to accept the 3 new member countries into IFSP

Vote in favour 14 Vote against 0 Abstain 0

- IFSP Estimated Budget 2010 including the Annual fee for 2010: Mark DeCarlo (See summary of figures in attached PowerPoint file General Meeting Slides Finance Items)

Annual fee for 2010. Despite the need to raise income for the operation of IFSP the Executive Board consider that it is not appropriate to increase dues for 2010 because of the world financial situation. However, the Board will review the situation in December 2010 and may decide to recommend increasing fees for 2011.

Notes regarding the 2010 Estimated Budget

The executive board meeting of SPTS will take place in early December 2009 when the decision will be made regarding membership of the American Association in 2010. So currently this membership is not included in the Budget.

NVFS will continue to sponsor IFSP in 2010.

There are indications that sponsorship income will come from Cirque de Soleil in 2010 so this is included in the budget. Together, this puts total income at approx Euro 25000. Expenses – include commencement of management fees for SPA project and dollars to development of a new portal on the web site, but have not yet allocated meeting expenses.

As sponsorship dollars and future membership have a big impact on the budget, the Board has not fully committed to a face to face meeting in 2010. The Board will continue to have Skype meetings but there are limitations to internet meetings. Hopefully there will be enough income to fund a face-to-face Board meeting and the setting up of the new IFSP Registration Board.

Motion to accept the Estimated Budget for 2010

Vote in favour 14 Vote against 0 Abstain 0

- Establishment of the IFSP Registration Board and
- IFSP accreditation criteria for: (1) individual SPT's (2) educational programs (See summary in attached PowerPoint file IFSP Registration Presentation Nicki Phillips)

Nicki Phillips

A great deal of work has been undertaken on the topic of a IFSP Registration over the last two days of Executive Board and Committee Meetings. It has been one of principal aims of the



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IFSP from the foundation and had big boost with the Sports Physiotherapy for All (SPA) project. Quite a few countries are currently using the competencies and standards developed by the SPA project to inform course development which is excellent. It is recognised that to maintain the commitment of member countries and individual members IFSP has to provide tangible member benefits. So it is important to make developments more overt.

Registration Methods

Option 1

Member country with approved accreditation system

Option 2

Member country with limited accreditation system

Option 3

Member country with no system or in rare cases individuals that are special members deriving from a non IFSP member country

In order to conduct this process there needs to be the compilation of an assessment board for member countries, individuals and education programs using the audit tool kit to inform the process. This board will be known as the IFSP Registration Board.

Role of the Registration Board

Recruits review panel

Processes: Member country applications, individual country and educational program applications

Members of the review panel will be recruited according to the skills and knowledge of the applying country and according to skills of assessing portfolios and educational programs

There will be a cost for the application process (as it incurs administrative and labour costs which need to be paid for) but at this stage it is hard to calculate costs.

Costs will be tiered according to how much work that board has to do.

The country applying will need to pay for the cost of preparing for the application process and maintaining the database.

The development and implementation of this process will take time but it is recognised that time is pressing as we need to show members that IFSP is working towards achieving this aim.

There are a small number of countries who already have a system which appears to meet the desired standard. So the plan is to work with these countries who meet the criteria and meet to match the competencies of IFSP with the competencies of their Sports Physiotherapists. As soon as we have achieved this we will have a register with names on it. Then the Registration Board can move to working with the other parts of the process

Suggested Time line

6 months initial recognition and set up of Registration Board and meetings

12-18 months completion of matching of competencies and start of compilation of register

18-24 months review of process and plan for next stage of assessment process

Laetitia Dekker – a register without anyone in it is meaningless so there is some circular processing. We have to start somewhere and get a working register before services can be

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provided. There needs to be a critical mass of sports physiotherapists in the register to have a starting point for development.

Countries that already have a process will benefit by being able to offer this benefit to their members. This should maintain and increase the commitment of these countries to IFSP. For IFSP the benefit is improving the profiling of IFSP which helps to attracting sponsors to provide funding and services for members and for assisting other countries and individuals to work towards the goal of IFSP Registration.

Responses

Jose Esteves (Portugal) – This is a catalyst point that we can take back to our member countries to show them the future direction.

Karl Lochner (Austria) – This is a great initiative because it provides the stimulus to improve the level of sports physiotherapy in all the member countries.

The registration of Individual members provides a great opportunity to get to some members in countries which are not eligible for country membership for example French sports physiotherapists who have a good reputation, are first contact practitioners and play a prominent role in physiotherapy in Europe, but there are problems with the parent organisation which are not solvable in the short term, so they cannot join as an organisation. This would be an avenue for these physiotherapists to become involved in IFSP.

- Election IFSP Executive Board Members

Originally the plan was to decrease the number of board members because of the financial situation and so originally only 2 places were offered. However, all the member countries of the 3 nominees for the board positions are willing to support their nominee by fully covering the costs of the person to attend board meetings so therefore there is no need to restrict the number of the board. As all the potential board members have excellent skills which would contribute significantly to the board it was felt that 3 positions could be offered.

Therefore by a process of acclimation we welcome the 3 nominees Nicki Phillips, Mario Bizzini and Bente Anderssen to the board of IFSP.

11. ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

- FIFA/IFSP Partnership – “Injury Prevention Program”: Mario Bizzini
FIFA has developed a training program of injury prevention for amateur football players. Discussion took place in the FIFA medical committee on how to roll the program out. They would like to roll it out around the world. The suggestion is to roll it out through the IFSP so that IFSP members would present the training. FIFA would reimburse individual members for conducting the training.
The resources provided are a DVD www.fifa.com/medical and brochure. All are non-profit tools so can acquire the information for no cost.
The program was presented at the Sports Injury Prevention Conference in Tromsø and well received.

Questions

Andrea Fusco (Italy) – Is there recognition from FIFA?

Mario Bizzini – Yes recognition of contribution. It is a very practical course.

Tara Omeara (Ireland) – Physiotherapists working with soccer in Ireland have a separate organisation so will take it to them and work through them.



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Henning Langberg (Denmark) –There is no separate organisation for soccer in Denmark so the appropriate organisation to work with is the Danish Sports Physiotherapist Association through IFSP.

Stephen Mutch (UK) – Suggested to try to present it in Monaco at the IOC conference, as the practical application or implementation of the training program on a world wide scale would be an interesting topic. Would have to get approval from FIFA and Fmark.

Mario Bizzinin –This would be ideal but there is a timing problem to get the presentation ready for the 1st November. Perhaps instead prepare for the next IOC Injury Prevention Conference in 2013.

- Congress: World Summit on Athletic Care and Interdisciplinary Sports Medicine, March 11th – 13th 2010 (www.sportsmedicine2010.de): Laetitia Dekker
Congress is being held in Innsbruck Austria. The intention of conference committee is to promote the multidisciplinary team so it would be good for members to submit an abstract. (NOTIFICATION: due to a lack of financial resources, the conference has been cancelled and postponed to August 2011 in Germany (Leipzig).
- Congress planning currently for the WCPT conference in June 2011. Preliminary discussions have been held with WCPT and further talks are planned. Information will be provided as soon as decisions can be confirmed.

12. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

- Future Board Members

There is a need to plan for 2011 as that is when Laetitia Dekker, Mark DeCarlo and Jan Smith will be leaving the Board. In anticipation of this change, the Board would like to start the process of shadow board position, so that potential board members can be prepared so the transition process goes smoothly.

The Articles state that at least 3 continents must be represented on the board – currently there are USA, Australia, Europe. The new Board members are all from Europe so for the 2011 vacancies there will need to be nominees from other continents e.g. Asian/Pacific, Africa, South America.

The Articles also state that Board members have to be from a member country in good standing for 2 years. So would like some people to nominate interest so that can begin learning about activities of board.

- Registration for the educational program of AEF

All attendees need to register for this afternoons' educational session conference desk

- Thank you to Board members

In recognition of service and in appreciation of their huge contribution a plaque and gift are presented to each of board members who are/have left the board since the foundation of the IFSP (Jose Esteves, Vibeke Bechtold, Jose Antonio Urrialde Martinez, Henning Langberg, Gul Baltaci, Mike Voight)

It is significant that in Madrid, a group of 10 people talked about forming an international sports association and now in Madrid again we have the opportunity to thank these people who have been instrumental in developing the IFSP to this point over the last nine years.

Mike Voight



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In nine years I have contributed but also gained in many ways learning about sports physiotherapy around the world and meeting people who started out as professional colleagues and are now life long friends. I would like to thank Laetitia and the Board for the great years working together to get IFSP to where it is today.

Henning Langberg

Thankyou very much for the beautiful gifts, but I will mainly remember IFSP by the things that we have achieved together and I look forward to working with the committees in the future.

It would be good to put pictures together so start gathering a history of IFSP so could all delegates please send pictures to be placed on the website.

13. DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The IFSP general meeting/committee meetings and symposium will be held in conjunction with the WCPT conference in 2011, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Remember Committee Meetings are usually held the afternoon or evening before the General Meeting in the last 2-3 hours of the Executive Board Meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT (1:00pm)

Action Points from GM

- ❖ Include Registration Presentation in enews (Mario Bizzini)
- ❖ Send new committee list to Board, Delegates and Committee Members (Jan Smith)
- ❖ IFSP MO's to nominate people that show interest in an EB position so they can fulfil a shadow Board position to begin learning about EB activities
- ❖ Swiss website group to send the e-news as an email attachment as well to facilitate dissemination
- ❖ All delegates please send pictures of IFSP (present and past) to Mario Bizzini to be put on website