

SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS IN BOLOGNE “MOVEMENT COORDINATION IN SPORT AND EXERCISE”

During the 23-24th of September 2000 an international scientific congress took place in Bologna which related to “Movement Coordination in Sport and Exercise”. The congress was organized by the Department of Movement Sciences of the Bologna University (Congress Director – prof. A.Ciecholla) and the International Association of Sport Kinetics (IASK) – Chairman of the Scientific Committee – prof. W.Starosta. The University of Bologna was established in 1088 and thus it is the oldest university in the world, existing for more than 912 years. Co-organizers of the Congress included: Italian Olympic Committee (CONI), Italian Track and Field Federation (FIDAL), Institute of Physical Education in Bologna (ISEF), Italian Federation of Physical Education Teachers and Sport (FIEFS).

The Congress was attended by over 200 participants from five European nations (Germany, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Italy). Coaches of various sport disciplines consisted a significant part of the participants. The debates took place in a beautiful auditorium of the XVII century church of St.Lucy, which was renovated by the university. The official language of the congress included English and Italian (simultaneous translation). The Scientific Committee of the Congress consisted of: P.Blaser, A.Ciochella, R.Daug, F.Franceschetti, P.Hirtz, T.Jurimae, W.Ljach, F.Merni, W.Osiński, J.Raczek, G.Schnabel, S.Starischka, W.Starosta (Chairman), J.Szopa. The honour of opening the Congress went to the President of CUSB (Centro Universiatrio Sportivo Bolognese) – prof. F.Franceschetti and the President of IASK – prof. W.Starosta. The main presentations were given by European experts in the main topic of the Congress: W.Starosta (Poland) – “Movement coordination; its structure and conditions in physical education and sport”; G.Carbonaro, A.Madela, F.Merni (Italy) – “Coordination potential of children participating in track and field”; A.Hotz (Switzerland) – “Technique as a main symptom of motor competence”; P.Blaser, A.Hokelman (Germany) – “Non-linear phenomenon of stability and

variability of the motor system under load; G.Schnabel (Germany) – “Motor coordination: a fundamental process of activity”; P.Hirtz, W.Starosta (Germany, Poland) – “sensitive and critical periods of movement coordination development and its connection with learning process”; W.Ljach (Russia) – “Structure of coordination of motor abilities by athletic and school children and its dependance on various factors”; E.Bianchi, P.Brasidi, A.Cichella, F.Mermi, S.Toselli (Italy), S.Starischka (Germany) – “EMG supported analysis of strength exercises as an aid in the construction of training programs in sport and low back pain”. Most presentations caused great interest, many questions and a lively discussion during the breaks. During the session of short presentation C.Paola gave a speech on the “Movement perception and eye-hand coordination. F.Mermi presented a paper on “Aspects of coordination in cycling”, W.Osiński talked about “Balance and falls in elderly women” while J.Wierchoszanski, P.Bellotti gave a speech on “Theory or practice in learning motor coordination?”. During the poster session of greatest interest were works of W.Starosta, E.Rostkowska “Selected aspects of water feeling in swimming”, “The structure of water feeling and the hierarchy component elements in the opinion of those training swimming”, W.Starosta, K.Anioł-Strzyżewska, T.Pawłowa-Starosta, W.Sroga “Selected aspects of water feeling as perceived by elite rowers and kayakers”, W.Starosta, B.Felbur “Structure and conditioning of ball feeling in the opinion of table tennis players and coaches”. The summary of the Congress was carried out by F.Franceschetti, W.Starosta. The best oral presentations and posters will be published in Italian and English in a periodical “Trimestrale di ricerca scientifica tecnica applicata all’atletica leggera” – center of studies and research printed in Rome by the Italian Federation of Track and Field.

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The birthday anniversary of vice-President of IASK prof. Peter Blaser held in Magdeburg

On January 22nd a special scientific session took place at the University of Otto Guericke in Magdeburg on the occasion of the 60th birthday of prof. Peter Blaser, director of the Institute of Sport Sciences. The session begun with artistic performances of students representing University.

During the official part the participants were addressed by Rector of the University prof. K.Pöhlman, prof. P.Hirtz of the University in Greifswald and a member of the Sport Institute in Warsaw who presented achievements of Peter Blaser. The President of IASK, prof. W.Starosta presented celebrity with a special diploma, thanking him for the 10 years of activity as the vice-President of the organization, for helping to establish it, for organizing the international scientific conference “Sport Kinetics’97”, for creating the website and for editing a two volume work on “Theories of Human Motor Performance and their Reflections in Practice”.

The central point of session was of scientific character with several lead speakers giving oral presentations. Prof. W.Starosta addressed the quest with “The problem of movement differentiation in relation to laterality”, R.Daug from the University of Saarbrücken spoke about “Sportmotorische Messplätze in der Bewegungswissenschaft” while E.Loosch talked about the “Variability and self-organization of the human movement”

Among the best presentations was that by A.Hokelman “Music and movement – one phenomenon”. Prof W.Starosta was a special guest of the University treated with full honours and participated in the anniversary session on the cost of organizers.