

**REPORT ON THE WORKS OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF SPORT KINETICS PRESIDUM IN  
THE YEARS 1999-2001 (TARTU' 2001)**

by

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Ladies and Gentlemen! Dear Friends - Members of IASK

I am extremely glad to have this opportunity to welcome you again. This time in a picturesquely located university campus – in Tartu. The university has a long-term tradition. It was founded in 1632 by the Swedish king Gustav II Adolf. Hence, it is also known as Academia Gustaviana. The university has had a very tormented history, since after 25 years of existence it was moved to Tallinn; in 1690 it was re-established as Academy Gustavo-Carolina. In 1802 it was reopened by the tsar of Russia – Alexander the 1<sup>st</sup>. Two years ago, in 1999, the university of Tartu was celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its existence in the Republic of Estonia.

Two years have passed since our cyclic meeting during the international scientific conference “6. Sport Kinetics 1999” in Ljubljana and since the General Assembly. In my report I shall focus on this last period, though I will devote also some time to the history of development of our Association since the time of its establishment- that is since April 28<sup>th</sup> 1990. This is justified by the fact that on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2001 we will be celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our existence. Taking into account the jubilee and looking from the perspective of what we have achieved, we may, with satisfaction, state that the Association is properly carrying out the aims it laid out, and particularly the most important aim which is – integration of an ever increasing circle of experts on human kinetics and sport kinetics, not only from Eastern and Western

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Europe. Moreover, its prestige rises and its recognition on the international arena as well.

The Presidium of the Association worked with the following: Prof. W. Starosta (president), Prof.Prof. P. Blaser, P.Hirtz, T.Jürimäe, D. Milanowic (vice-president), Prof. W. Osiński (general secretary), Dr med. K.Aniol-Strzyżewska (treasurer), Prof.Prof. V.Balsiewicz, B. Jošt, J.Kaša (members of the Presidium). The Revision Commission: Dr R.Szeklicki, Prof. M.Čoh, Prof.Berčić.

In my report I shall deal with the most important issues.

### **1. Members (Fig.1)**

Numbers demonstrate a significant quantity development of the Association. In 1991 we had merely 80 members, two years ago we had 260, and at present we have nearly 300. In the last two years 30 members have registered. Most of them come from Italy, Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Poland. A considerable majority of them are professors, and among them famous experts: [prof. V.Klissouras (Greece), J.Wierchoszanski (Italy), F.Merni (Italy), G.Popow (Rosja), M.Bulatowa (Ukraine), G.Stelmach (USA), A.Cicchella (Italy), Z.Jethon (Poland)] A significant rise in the number of members has been noted despite the strategy of the Presidium concerning the quality of the new members. Only professors have free access. The rest have to show their scientific achievements in order to become candidates, and only after a year and after a positive assessment of their scientific achievements they may become members.

We are still very particular about extending the reach of our Association by acquiring new members from Western Europe (Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark) and from other parts of the world (South America, Asia, Africa, Australia, Oceanic). In the last two years the achievements in this respect were smaller than earlier. We have strengthened our activities in 11 countries (i.e. Belarus, Croatia, Lithuania, Germany, Poland, Russia, USA, Italy), and only in few of them new members have appeared (Bulgaria, Mongolia, Greece, Scotland, Sweden). We regret that so few members of our Association, including those from the Presidium, take active part in our activities.

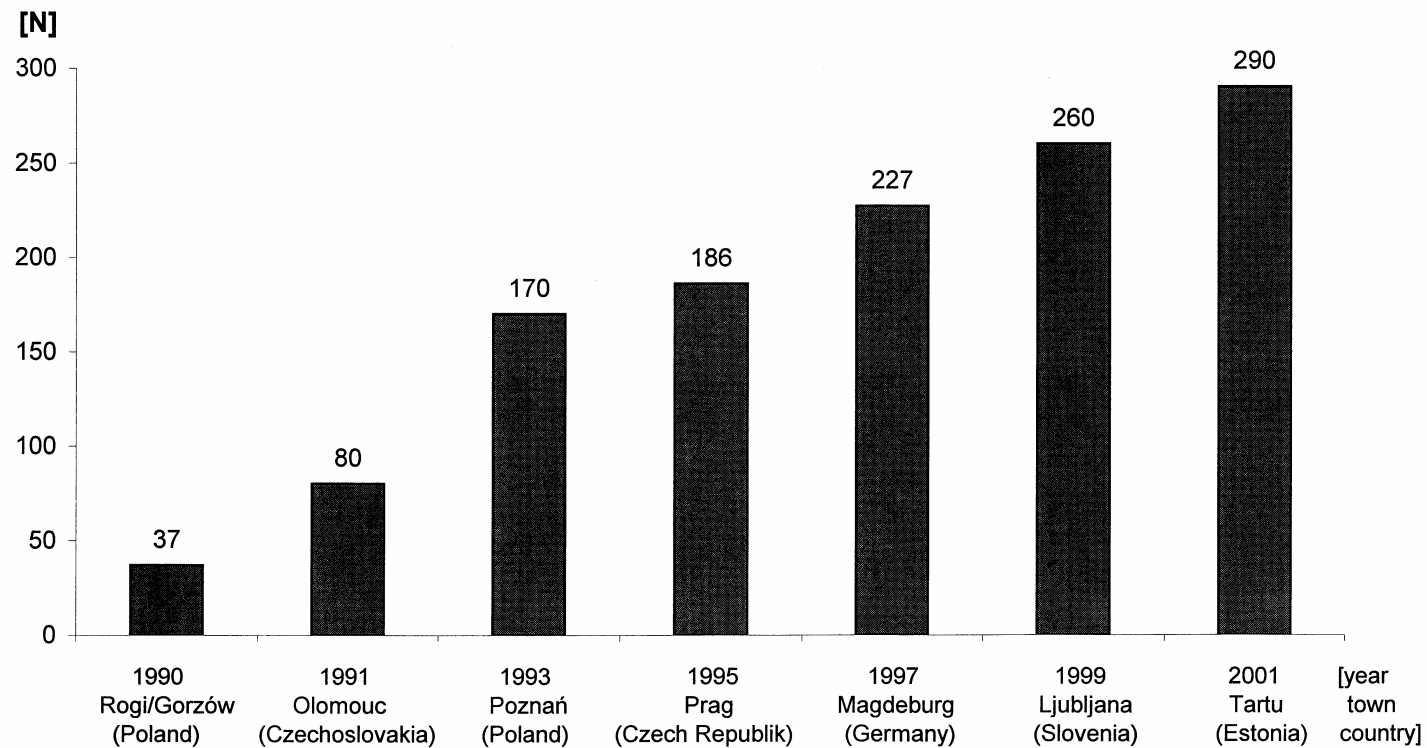


Fig. 1. The number of the International Association of Sport Kinetics in year organising international scientifics conferences “Sport Kinetics”

The important thing is that we were able to open National Branches of our Association in 10 countries. Lately, such branches have been created in Italy, Belarus, Ukraine. It is also essential to recruit eminent experts of kinesiology from countries where we still do not have our members. I shall repeat the question which is often put forward: who should recruit new members? Everyone of us, yet the main task belongs to the members of the Presidium. We are glad new members do come up, however we are upset by the fact that some go away. The outstanding bio-mechanic, specialist in kinesiology- Prof. I.Ratov from Russia and another eminent expert in the sport theory – Prof. E.Wachowski from Poland have passed away. Let's honour the memory of them with a minute of silence.

## **2. International scientific conferences (Table 1)**

The number of conferences, both national and international organised under the auspices of the IASK, is constantly increasing. Starting with 1990, that is in the nearly 11 years, the members of our Association have organised 30 international scientific conferences- most of them were held in post-communist countries (Belarus, Czechoslovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia), other 7 were organised in Germany, and one in Italy. This means that there were three conferences, on average, organised annually. It is a pity that some of them were not advertised as IASK conferences. These incomplete statistics illustrate the active involvement of particular members of the Association, as well as of the national sections. On behalf of the Association I extend my deepest thanks to all active members and do wholeheartedly encourage members of other countries to show similar engagement. Traditionally, I should also thank all those members who have organised national and international scientific events in the years 1999-2001:

- Ass. Prof. P.Stejskal organised a very successful international conference on “Movement and Health” in Olomouc (Czech Republic) on 11-14.09.1999. The conference was held under the auspices of IASK. The organiser of the conference was the Faculty of Physical Culture Palacky University in Olomouc.

Table 1

Major importance scientific international conferences organised under the auspices of International Association of Sport Kinetics in years 1990 - 2001

N	Year	Name of conferences	Number of authors	Number of papers	Number of countries	Number of participants
1.	1990	<b>“Bewegungskoordination im Sport”</b> [Gorzów Wlkp., Poland]	42	35	5	over 60
2.	1991	”Sport Kinetics ’91” [Olomouc, Czechoslovakia]	120	69	9	84
3.	1992	” <b>Selected aspects of sport kinetics</b> ” [Brest, Belarus]	51	39	5	ca 75
4.	1993	” <b>Sport Kinetics ’9</b> [Poznań, Poland]	155	102	11	105
5.	1993	” <b>Physical education under new social conditions</b> ” [Prešov, Slovakia]	85	69	6	ca 80
6.	1995	” <b>Science in sport team games</b> ” [Biała Podlaska, Poland]	94	67	11	76
7.	1995	” <b>Sport Kinetics ’95</b> ” [Prague, Czech Republic]	176	98	12	123
8.	1996	2. Bernstein-Konfernce ” <b>Bewegungskoordination &amp; sportliche Leistung integrativ betrachtet</b> ” [Zinnowitz – Usedom, Germany]	76	48	6	over 100
9.	1996	” <b>Physical development and motor performance of children and youth</b> ” [Prešov, Slovakia]	160	100	7	ca 100
10.	1997	Sport Kinetics ’97 ” <b>Theories of Human Motor Performance and their Reflections in Practice</b> ” Magdeburg, Germany]	150	135	16	ca 210
11.	1998	” <b>Movement Co-ordination in Team Sport Games and Martial Arts ‘98</b> ” [Biała Podlaska, Poland]	92	75	9	ca 100
12.	1998	” <b>Physical Education and Health of Students and Youth at the Boundary of Centuries</b> ” [Minsk, Belarus]	226	105	12	over 100

13.	1999	Sport Kinetics '99 "Theories of Human Motor Performance and their Reflection in Practice" [Ljubljana, Slovenia]	ca 300	185	19	ca 150
14.	1999	"Kinesiology for the 21st Century" [Dubrovnik, Croatia]	275	140	13	over 150
15.	2000	"6 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sport for Young Scientist" [Tartu, Estonia]	96	46	7	ca 80
16.	2000	International Congress "Motor co-ordination in sport and exercise" [Bologna, Italy]	84	75	5	over 200
17.	2001	Sport Kinetics '2001 "Human Movement as a science in the New Millennium" [Tartu, Estonia]	186	186	22	ca 145

- Prof. D.Milanowic (conference director) organised a very successful and extremely interesting international scientific conference entitled: "Kinesiology in the 20<sup>th</sup> century" under the patronage of UNESCO and the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. The conference took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on 22-26.09.1999. The organisers of the conference were the following institutions: Faculty of Physical Education of the University of Zagreb, and the Croatian Association for Theoretical and Experimental Kinesiology. It is a pity the conference was not organised under the auspices of IASK. The conference gathered over 150 participants. Among those delivering papers were: Prof. Per Olow Astrand, P. Blahus, V.Klissouras, J.Tihany, W. Starosta.
- Prof. A.Cicchella (congress director), with the assistance of F.Francheschetti organised in Bologna, on 23-24.09.2000, an international scientific congress on " Motor Co-ordination in Sport and Exercise", under the patronage of the Faculty of Motor Science and IASK. 200 people from 5 European countries took part in the congress. The best experts on the subject from Germany, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Italy - were lecturing during the congress. Post-conference materials were then published in English and

Italian. The congress was run in two languages with a simultaneous translation.

- Ass. Prof. R.Horvath organised a very important international scientific conference in Prešov ( Slovakia) on :”Motor Capacities of the Pre-School and Primary School Age Children” under the auspices of our Association. The organisers of the conference were the following: Department of Physical Education at the Pedagogical Faculty and Faculty of the Humanities and Sciences of The University in Prešov.
- Prof. T.Jürimäe organised a very interesting and useful cyclic conference “6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sport for Young Scientists”, on 12-15.10.2000, with the participation of approximately 80 people from 7 countries (Austria, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland), and also a numerous group from China. The meetings were held in English and summaries of 46 papers were also published in English. The conference was sponsored by ICSSPE and was organised under the auspices of IASK.
- Prof. J.Raczek, together with his staff, organised an international conference entitled: “Current Research in Motor Control” , in Bielsko Biała, on 27-29.10 2000. Around 100 people from 10 countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Russia, Sweden, USA and others) attended the conference. The official language of the conference was English. Conference materials, beautifully published in English, were distributed among the participants on the first day of the conference.
- Prof. T.Mieczkowski from the Institute of Physical Culture from the University in Szczecin, organised the fourth cyclic international conference entitled “ Positive and Negative Aspects of Movement Activity”, in Międzyzdroje on 17-19.04.2000. During the opening ceremony the president of IASK, W.Starosta, presented the achievements of the Association, and also delivered an introductory paper on” Movement Activity in the Life Style of Poles and of the Societies of other Countries”. Approximately 100 people from 3 countries (Belarus, Lithuania, Poland) attended the conference. Synopses of the papers were published in English before the start of the conference, and entire works were published a year later in two volumes (736 pages). They appeared partly in English, Polish and Russian.

- Prof. W.Osiński organised, under the patronage of IASK, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> scientific conferences for young employees, entitled “Physical Education and Sport in Scientific Research”, in Poznań, Poland on 25.05.2000 and 25.05.2001. The sessions were held in Polish and all papers were also published in Polish.
- Prof. J.Begier and Prof. R.Cieśliński, from the Institute of Physical Education and Sports of the Warsaw Academy of Physical Education from Biała Podlaska organised a scientific conference entitled: “Sports of Children and Youth at the Turn of the Century”. The official language of the conference was Polish and papers published in the same language were presented to the participants before the start of the conference. One hundred people, including 47 authors of the papers, attended the conference.
- Prof. T.Juszkiewicz from the Academy of Physical Education and Sport in Minsk (Belarus) was one of the main organisers of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Congress on the subject of: “Olympic Sport and Sport for All” organised on 5-7.06.2001. Sessions were divided into 9 topical sections and were conducted in Russian. One of the sections dealt with the problems of sport kinesiology and was headed by professor W.Starosta. There were over 500 participants from 32 countries. Abstracts of the 539 papers presented during the congress were printed on 539 pages. Most of those were published in Russian and were presented to the participants on the first day of the congress.

Suitably to the occasion and on behalf of the Association, I would like to express my gratitude to all the people I have just mentioned for their courage, activity, enormous effort and efficiency in organising those conferences and congresses, and I would like to present symbolic diplomas to all those who have not yet received them, as a proof of our indebtedness: dr med. K.Anioł-Strzyżewska, prof. prof. M.Belej, P.Blaser, A.Cicchella, F.Franceschetti, R.Grucza, P.Hirtz, T.Juszkiewicz, T.Jürimäe, T.Osiński, Mrs T.Pawłowa-Starosta, prof. J.Szopa.

And now shortly about our near and further future.

- Between 7-9.11.2001, Ass. Prof. J.Pavlik will be organising, under the auspices of IASK, an international conference entitled “The Role of Physical Education and Sport in Transition Countries of Central Europe” in Brno



(Czech Republic). Apart from plenary sessions, meetings in the following sections are planned: 1. Physical education and sport as a means of harmonic development of children and youth. 2. The education of sport talented youth. 3. Sport education and sport of handicapped youth. Besides, a round table discussion is also planned, on the subject of: a) Issues of preparation of teachers and coaches; b) Fight against negative phenomena in sport. Meetings will be held in four languages: Czech, Slovak, German, and English.

- A little later, between 23-24.11.2001 Prof. P.Hirtz will be organising in Zinnowitz (Usedom), a seminar celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the existence of the Scientific Circle named after the great scholar N.Bernstein. The Circle was created in 1971 on the initiative of young assistants and students of the Institute of Science on Sports from the University of Greifswald. Since 1975 it has been carrying the name of one of the key researchers in the field of movement in 20<sup>th</sup> century. Over 100 members of the Circle for the last 30 years have published over 250 original scientific works, including many books. Almost 50 articles have been published in foreign journals. The members of the Circle have also organised many scientific conferences, including 2 very successful ones on the scientific heritage of the scholar- N.Bernstein (1988,1996). Prof. P.Hirtz, has been heading the activities of the Circle from the very beginning, and during the conference in Tartu will present a poster showing the many years' activities.
- In a year's time, that is on 25-29.09.2002, Prof. D.Milanović will be organising in Opatija (Croatia) and under the auspices of the Association a very important and interesting 3<sup>rd</sup> international scientific conference on: "Kinesiology – New Perspectives". The organisers of the conference will be: The University of Zagreb – Faculty of Kinesiology and the Croatian Association of Theoretical and Experimental Kinesiology. Meetings will be run in English.

Though the Conference "7. Sport kinetics 2001" in Tartu has not finished yet, we should already ask ourselves where the "8. Sport Kinetics 2003" will take place? For some time the oldest university in the world- the university in Bologna has been laying claims to become the organiser. It is a very serious candidate and Prof.Prof. A.Cicchella and F.Franceschetti prove already their

versatile and also organisational capabilities when organising very efficiently the Congress in 2000. Recently a new well experienced candidate has turned up – the University of Prešov (Slovakia). We shall decide on the location of our next conference now and here.

### **3. The works of the Presidium in the years 1999-2001**

The activities and works of the Presidium concentrated on the following subjects: 1. Ensuring a high scientific level of international conferences organised under the patronage of the IASK. 2. Extending the reach of IASK and acquiring members from countries where the Association did not have its representatives. 3. Ensuring a high standard of the IASK journal – “Journal of Human Kinetics” and seeking authors who deal with interesting and novel subjects. 4. Stimulating the publication of post conference materials and again ensuring their high quality (i.e. vol.2 of the “Sport Kinetics 1999” which was held in Ljubljana, of the conference in Minsk, Międzyzdroje and the congress in Bologna). 5. Looking for sponsors for participants from poor countries who wish to take part in conferences organised under the patronage of IASK. 6. Keeping good contacts with other international organisations (i.e from ICSSPE). 7. Taking care of young research staff. 8. Developing international co-operation between researchers from different countries of the world. 9. Publishing papers of experimental character and dealing with the subject of human motorics, and particularly sport motorics in renowned scientific journals. 10. Defining the place of the movement science in the system of sciences on sport. 11. Providing important information concerning the activity of IASK on the website.

The involvement of particular members of the Presidium varied. We had only one meeting with all members being present (Ljubljana 1999) and one with a limited number of members (Bologna 2000). During the first meeting 5 Commissions were appointed : 1. To support the development of young scientists ( T.Jürimäe). 2. To promote IASK (B.Jość). 3. To support financially members of poorer countries (D.Milanowič, M.Čoh). 4. Editorial, providing information to IASK Life in Journal of Human Kinetics (W.Osiński, P.Blaser). 5. To develop international contacts (P.Hirtz, J.Kaša, P.Blaser). Not all the commissions have achieved great success. Particularly active turned out to be

Commissions 1 and 4. It is a pity the chairs of the Commissions have not increased their personnel by including members from outside the Presidium. Most of the work was carried out through correspondence.

Most active members of the Presidium include: Prof. P.Blaser (founder and editor of the IASK website, very effective searcher of sponsors and of new IASK members, co-author of an interesting book dealing with the analysis of movements in swimming; Prof. T.Jürimäe (organiser of cyclic conferences for young scientists, director of the conference : "7. Sport Kinetics 2001", chief editor of "Acta Kinesiologiae Universitatis Tartuensis, co-author of extremely valuable books entitled "Grow physical Activity and Motor Development in Prepubertal Children and "Body Composition Assessment in Children and Adolescents"; Prof. W.Osiński (author of the remarkable and published free of charge folder on IASK, organiser of cyclic conferences for young scientists not only from Poland, author of a course-book on anthropometrics); Dr med. K.Anioł-Strzyżewska (an invaluable treasurer, efficient recruiting officer of new members); Prof. P.Hirtz (organiser of the international scientific co-operation, chair of the Scientific Circle named after N.Bernstein, co-author of the book: "Bewegungskompetenzen – Gleichgewicht"; Prof. W.Starosta (co-organiser of the congresses in Bologna and Minsk, organiser of the scientific international co-operation between the institutes of Greifswald, Bratislava, Minsk, Prešov, Charkov, Kiev and others, effective recruiting officer of new, outstanding members of IASK). The members of the Presidium joined many Scientific Committees of various national and international conferences. The efficiency of the work of the Presidium would certainly be improved if all its members were involved. Therefore, during the elections it is essential to establish: who in fact wants and can work for the Presidium. In communicating with the 35 countries of the world Mrs T.Pawłowa-Starosta, who is administering the secretarial office of IASK on a gratuitous basis, and manages the correspondence in four languages, has had her inappreciable contribution. On my and on the behalf of the Presidium I am expressing warmest thanks to all those who have contributed and to all who have participated actively in the works of the Presidium. To those who are especially meritorious I shall take this opportunity and award this modest, yet significant proof of our gratitude.

#### **4. International co-operation**

One of the crucial aims of our Association is to initiate international scientific co-operation. Already in 1991 we established such co-operation with, among others, Institute of Sport Sciences in Germany and the Institutes of Sport and Physical Education in Poland (Dortmund, Greifswald, Warsaw, Gorzów). Later this co-operation was extended to other countries and other university centres Prešov, Kijow, Mińsk, Nikolajew, Zagreb, Charków. Co-operation with academic centres of Oloumouc, Katowice, Innsbruck and also between Katowice and Greifswald are developing. This is not the full picture of co-operating centres. It would be useful if various forms of co-operation developed also between different scientific centres of the world. I hope such collaborations will be extended, and interesting experimental works will become their fruit.

#### **5. IASK Journal**

The Polish journal "Anthropometrics" that appeared first in 1989 in the Polish language with its 20th volume started to appear in English under the altered titled of "Journal of Human Kinetics". It has been published under the auspices of IASK and the Committee of Physical Culture of the Polish Academy of Science. Earlier the journal was published by the Cracow Academy of Physical Education, and since 2000 has been published by the Academy of Physical Education in Katowice. The founder and Chief Editor of the journal, since its very beginning, has been the active Prof. J.Szopa, and in 2000 Prof. W.Starosta became his deputy. The Board and the Editorial Council include a numerous group of IASK members (Prof.Prof. J.Szopa, W.Osiński, E.Mleczko, J.Raczek, R.Daug, P.Hirtz, H.C.G.Kemper, V.Klissouras, R.Kovář, R.M.Malina, H.Mechling, D.Milanowič, T.Jürimäe, J.Tihany) The Board and the Editorial Council ensures a high substantial level of the journal as well as ensures the possibility of being registered on a Philadelphia list. In accordance with the agreement with the Chief Editor, the composition of Board and the Editorial Staff is agreed with the president of IASK, and the journal includes a column on "From the Life of IASK". The editorial task of this column should be carried out by a special team headed by one of the members of the Presidium.

## **6. Rights and obligations of the IASK members**

As far as the rights are concerned, it is high time the members of IASK covered the costs of conferences organised under the auspices of IASK at the price reduced by 10-20% in relation to other participants. We should elaborate a set system of support of IASK members, and particularly of those coming from the post-communist countries. The system should give IASK members the possibility to participate in international co-operation and in prestigious scientific conferences. Unfortunately, the appointed Commission of the Presidium has not shown any progress in this matter yet. On the contrary, the member of another Commission (Prof. P.Blaser), has found another possibility of a regular financial support through SIMI company which deals with working out computer systems serving a very detailed analysis of movements (i.e. SIMI-Motion, Force) in return for placing an adequate information about the company in JHK. The Chief Editor approved of the idea and it is most likely the idea will be implemented soon. Moreover, Prof. W.Starosta has become the representative of the company for Eastern and Central Europe, and the commission obtained from the sale of the company's products will be allocated for the support of young research staff. However, we should not content ourselves with it.

It is indispensable to obtain special financial resources from various national and international scientific foundations, from the European Council, from UNESCO, from NATO and other non-governmental organisations. We have had already our small successes in this field, since thanks to the help of one of the Foundations Supporting Science named after J. Mianowski, some people, mainly from Ukraine and Belarus (prof.,prof. L.Wońkow, K.Sachnowski, T.Juszkiewicz, W.Krjaż, W.Timoszenkow, A.Skripko) obtained 1-3 month scientific scholarships in Poland (in the Institute of Sport in Warsaw). Some of them have received the scholarships twice. The problem of obtaining financial support should be taken care of by 1-2 people from the Presidium and they should form a special Commission. Besides, a motivation system for young researchers should be set. Some measures have already been undertaken. We think of contests for young research workers who have not been conferred Ph.D. degrees yet, to be organised during the conference 'Sport

Kinetics” (Prof. P.Hirtz has specialised in that form of support and will conduct a similar contest at the conference in Tartu) and of cyclic conferences organised under the auspices of IASK in Tartu (prof. T.Jürimäe) and in Poznań (prof.,prof. E.Wachowski, W.Osiński, R.Strzelczyk, S.Drozdowski). The contests have enjoyed a good tradition which should be continued by improving the rules and by raising appropriate financial resources for the awards.

Now I shall move on to the obligations of the IASK members. They could be resolved into the following elements: 1. Supporting IASK not only through regular membership fees, but also through active participation during conferences and good preparation of papers and a high level of their presentations. The commitment to pay fees has been overlooked by a substantial number of members, and particularly by those coming from the post-communist countries. Even worse is that some members of the Presidium also tend to forget about them. 2. One of the obligations of the members should be the participation in conferences “Sport Kinetics” and at the same time in the General Assemblies of IASK which are held every two years. 3. Another obligation should be the active involvement through the best preparation and organisation possible of the conferences. Special involvement is expected from members of Research Committees and the chairs of the plenary sessions and of the sections. 4. Higher engagement should be manifested by all the IASK members and particularly by members of the Presidium as far as the promotion of the Association during national and international conferences in various forms (verbal, written, publications). I can not understand members of IASK who organise scientific events but not under the auspices of the Association. In this case it is necessary to appoint again a Commission which would take care of the promotion. We have undertaken several steps in this respect (i.e. publication of a recent folder which provides detailed information on IASK, Internet page, elaboration of data for a “Yearbook of International Organisations” published in Brussels). The materials show that we have a lot to pride ourselves of, and particularly we may be pride of the activity of our members as far as the number of conferences organised by them. Also the participation in the conferences is becoming more and more expensive, whereas the costs of conferences organised under our auspices continue to be more and less unchanged and we offer a variety of conference fees (membership fees as

well) such as: lower fees for members of post-communist countries who earn less. 5. The conference organisers should remember to place the IASK logo in a visible place when publishing post-conference materials, and not just use it when publishing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Communiqué about the conference (just as it often used to be). The modified statement of one of USA presidents should serve as a motto for further involvement of the IASK members: Do not ask what IASK may do for you, rather ask yourself what you may do for the development of IASK?''.

## **7. IASK in other international organisations**

Since 1997 the Association has been the member of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE). We took part in the elections to the government of the organisation during the Pre-Olympic Congress in Brisbane (Australia). Since the very beginning we have been paying fees reduced by 50%. Good contacts with the president of the ICSSPE-Prof. C.Doll-Tepper allow us to assume that despite slight problems we will be able to maintain this status. We are also able to use the subsidy of the ICSSPE allocated for organising conferences and publishing materials. The donation was used by Prof. T.Jürimäe when organising a conference for young research staff, and also when organising "7. Sport Kinetics 2001".

## **8. Proposed changes in the statute**

Slight alterations were the initiative of the Italian National Branch of IASK: "General Assemblies of IASK as well as the National Branches of IASK, following the motion of the Presidium, may appoint eminent experts of movement science to become members of honour, and may appoint people, who for a minimum of two terms have exerted the function of presidents, as presidents of honour."

## **9. The attempt to conclude**

All the facts listed in the report herewith may confirm further development of the Association and the rise of its prestige on the international arena. It is worth mentioning that IASK is one of the youngest organisations. We receive high notes not only because we are more and more numerous and because our

members organise more and more scientific international conferences, but mainly because papers written by IASK members and published in various journals demonstrate higher substantial value (including the ones published in the “Journal of Human Kinetics”). Our entire output in this field is quite considerable. The output is still complemented by other activities in the last 2 years. But this should not be enough.

Since the beginning of the existence of IASK, that is since 1990, its headquarters have been located in the Institute of Sport in Warsaw. In this extensive and fruitful performance of the IASK on the international arena, invaluable and extremely helpful are the conditions which were created by the director of the Institute – Prof. R.Grucza - who offered a free of charge possibility of using a secretariat and all the communication means which enable contacting members from 35 countries of the world. Thanks to the courtesy of Prof. R.Grucza it was possible to offer research practice to a large number of independent research workers from different countries. I shall take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Presidium and also my sincere thanks for this many years’ help and friendliness.

Facts mentioned in the report herewith demonstrate how varied is the activity of the members of the IASK Presidium and of the members from other countries. As this should be quite common regarding regular members, it should not be justified when referring to the members of the Presidium who, when volunteering to the Presidium undertake to perform additional tasks. For the sake of IASK development it is necessary to elect exclusively such members to the Presidium who have demonstrated their remarkable involvement and intend to continue demonstrating it. Hence, a considerably higher efficiency and a more visible development of our Association may be expected.

Each newly elected Presidium puts forward specific tasks and then tries to carry them out as well as it is able to. However, a Presidium that works on a gratuitous basis (supported often by volunteers and by the work of the secretariat) is simply unable to resolve everything. The Presidium is expecting help, advice and suggestions from all the members. The success of the Association depends on the engagement of each of the members. I hope everybody understands this truth. We shall expect from you, dear friends an even bigger involvement than so far, and a reflection combined with the



question: What can I do to strengthen and to affect the development of IASK?  
What have I done so far in this respect? IASK is our Association and therefore  
each of us should care about its development.