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Ten years of existing of International Association of Sport Kinetics

Introduction

On 28 April 1990 a new organization, Association of Sport Kinetics (IASK), was founded at a conference in Rogi near Gorzów Wielkopolski (Poland). Prof. Dr hab. Włodzimierz Starosta (Poland) was elected the first president of the new organization, and Prof. Dr Reinhard Daugs (West Germany) and Prof. Dr Peter Hirtz (East Germany) became vice-presidents. Until now IASK has either directly organized, or patronized more than thirty international conferences. At first, IASK focused its activity on the territory of post-communist countries. Now, it is an association bringing together more than 300 members from 39 countries all over the world. Not only do we desire to organise serial conferences and scientific congresses, but also to establish regular information and concept exchange in the large, now a family of people; the people who devote their lives to scientific research on human motor behaviour and physical fitness. We seek scholars of more and more recent disciplines and from various parts of the world to join our activity.

Since 1996 IASK has been the membership organisation of International of Sport Science and Physical Education.
Aims and functions

The aim of the association is to promote and further develop various branches of scientific research focusing on how to get to know human motor behaviour and physical fitness better. The association concentrates on the problems of motor, physical and health development of children and the young, as well as of adults and the elderly. IASK is specifically interested in motor and physical fitness of sportsmen going in for various disciplines. This in particular, requires us to encourage regular discussions on general, theoretical conception, specific terminology and methods of diagnosing motor development, as well as to study and disseminate physical activity patterns for people at various age. Working towards these goals, the association aims at co-operation and information exchange, and provides conditions for scientific, interdisciplinary discussions among researchers of various branches of basic and applied science.

Its main tasks IASK defines as follows:

1. To integrate the efforts of people carrying out scientific research within such disciplines and areas as: human motor behaviour, motor activity, physical fitness, physical activity, anthropomotorics, kinanthropometry, motor control and learning, motor ontogenesis, motor co-ordination, motor therapy, motor diagnostics, and also biomechanics, ergonomics, exercise physiology, physiotherapy, epidemiology, and social sciences related to physical activity, nutrition research related to physical fitness, sport psychology, sport pedagogy, sport medicine.

2. To co-operate with other international organisations, institutions and assemblies to improving information exchange and to raising the level of scientific research in the area of interest.

3. To promote and support young researchers in particular, tackling issues of human motor behaviour, physical fitness and physical activity.

4. To initiate and organise the international exchange of information and publications as well as international conferences, congresses and meetings.

Membership

1. Members of the associations are divided into A. Candidates, B. Ordinary C. Honorary, D. Supportive.
2. Candidate members: researchers, teachers, coaches or anyone coming from any country if recognises the articles of the association and is interested in supporting IASK’s activity.

3. Ordinary members: candidate members, professor or habilitated researchers recognising the articles of the association and accepted by the presidium, if have been members for one year and are positively approved by a special Commission.

4. The status of honorary member, proposed by IASK President, is conferred by General Assembly.

5. Supportive members: private or legal entity recognising and supporting IASK.

**Annual membership dues (US dollars)**
- Individual: $30

Special Fee for post-communist countries
- Individual: $5

To be paid every year to IASK treasurer, by 31 March at the latest.

**Benefits**
- Free subscription of Journal of Human Kinetics
- Reduced IASK Congress registration fee

**Publication**
IASK has so far published materials from each of an organised scientific conference. IASK also officially patronises the publishing of a half – years’ issue of ’Journal of Human Kinetics’ edited by Academy of Physical Education, Katowice, Poland. Subscription inquiries should be sent to Academy of Physical Education, Dept. Katowice, ul. Mikołowska 72a Poland. All IASK members receive the Journal as part of their membership dues.


**Management**
The IASK is directed by 1. General Assembly, 2. Presidium, 3. Search Commission. The term of IASK authorities lasts for two years. General Assembly is the supreme IASK authority. IASK Presidium consists of president, 4 vice – presidents, general
secretary, treasurer and 4 members. Altogether 11 people. Search Commission examines the entire IASK’s activity if the need arises, but at least once a year.