

REPORT OF MEETING OF LAUSANNE IF WOMEN'S NETWORK 8th June 2007 at the ITTF



- **Welcome & Introductions**

Were present at the meeting Brigitte Zufferey (FIM), Lila de Soysa (ITTF), Etsuko Enami (ITTF), Nicole Delaloye (FIH), Diana Capka (FIH), Anne Gripper (UCI), Dr. June Canavan (Sport Doctor Australia), Frédérique Trouvé (FIA), Magali Louis (UEFA), Chantal Sleurs (FIE), Deqa Hussen (AIBA)
And distinguished overseas guests : Johanna Vescio (Co-Chair IWG), Joyce Bowen (Chairwoman AIBA Women's Commission), Shevanthi Fernando (NOC Sri Lanka)

- **Aists Management Seminar for Women**

Dr. June Canavan at Opening of AISTS seminar 2007

Group photo of participants



Dr. June, moderator of the Aists Management Seminar for women, that ended the previous day, reported that the seminar had been a great success. Joyce and Shevanthi (participants at the seminar) reported their impressions about the experience which in general terms could be classified as excellent. Some ideas for the future and some areas that needed fine-tuning were also discussed.

- **ITTF Continental Forums**

Lila explained that the ITTF was now hosting a women's forum in every Continent over a period of 4 years. The African forum had taken place in Congo Brazzaville during the African Championships and the European Forum in Serbia during the European championships. She said it was a great platform for really discussing the needs of the continents and giving the women leaders in the continents a chance to express themselves.

- **ITTF clothing designer contest**

Etsuko explained that in order to make table tennis clothing more attractive for players and to improve the image of table tennis players, the ITTF had launched a contest for clothing manufacturers and designers. The finalists would participate in a fashion show, to take place during the Table Tennis Women's World Cup, to be held in Chengdu, China 28-30 September 2007. Etsuko encouraged all present to pass on the information to any designers or clothing manufacturers who may wish to take part in the contest.

- **Sustainable Development – feedback on presentation by P. Ghillani (former CEO of Max Havelaar) (Brigitte)**

Brigitte explained that she had attended a meeting where she had heard Ms Paola Ghillani, former CEO of Max Havelaar, who had made an impressive presentation on sustainable development and how women played a key role in the process. The relevance of sustainable development in sport was discussed.

- **“Le Corps des Femmes” – possible common project**

Lila gave some brief information about an idea to write a photo-book on the « Female Body in and after sport », as a common project for the IF women's network. To be discussed further together with Francine (initiator of the idea).

- **Swiss IF Women and Sport Project**

It was reported that a workshop dedicated to women and sport would be organised by the City of Lausanne and TSE Consulting, for the benefit of staff of IFs based in Lausanne. Both Brigitte and Lila would be involved in the running of the workshop. A brainstorming session took place in order to find out a theme for the workshop. *(However, in a subsequent meeting with the organisers it was decided that the workshop would be dedicated to the sharing of best practices in gender issues within IFs, with speakers from the IOC and a few other IFs. Final programme will be sent to all in due course).*

- **IWG and Sydney 2010**

Johanna Vescio, Co-chair of the International Working Group for women and sport (IWG) presented briefly the IWG and its work and also the preparations for the next World Conference to be held in Sydney, Australia in 2010. Ideas on how to present a common project there were discussed. Brigitte mentioned that as a result of the last conference in Kumamoto and the workshop on Peace and Sport she had attended, she was in the process of organising a “Peace Ride” through the FIM. The idea of organising a peace and sport project with Equestrian sport was discussed as the President of the FIE was from Jordan and Jordan was taking a leading role in peace and sport issues.

- **How we move forward**

The idea of creating a common project for the group was discussed at length. It was said that the group could be a catalyst for women's advancement within other IFs. The group was asked to assist the FIA to put in place some strategies to make the automobile sport more gender equitable. A request also came from an NOC for help with a strategic plan for their newly formed women and sport commission.

It was said that the FIH would try to host the next meeting, when their President Els van Breda Vriesman would be in Lausanne.

There being no further business at 19h45, the group moved on to more serious matters, the barbecue.

