

Report of the President

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Dear Delegates, dear friends of the winter sports

With the resolutions of the Meeting of the Delegates in Sierra Nevada 2000

- minimum standards for an ISIA membership
- questionnaire for the admission of new ISIA members

we have elaborated and approved important guidelines for the handling of the applications for an admission. These two papers make it easier and allow a fair handling of new applications.

The Presiding Board got together in 5 meetings during the past year and has worked especially on the following subjects:

- organization and carrying out of the Congress
- handling of the applications for an admission submitted by different countries
- preparation
- ISIA-Event in Stubai
- World Championships 01 in Obergurgl.

The Boards (Technical, Juridical and Marketing) have prepared the procedures and the Presiding Board has been able to approve them.

Thanks to the economical handling of the finances, we can show today a positive bill with a gain of fortune of nearly Fr.40'000.00.

Visits to Congresses:

IVSI met in Zakopane (PL). The Chairman and the Secretary General have participated in the congress and were warmly welcomed by the Chairman of the IVSI. The central subject of the congress, that was treated as well in theory as on the ski run, was the following "Evaluation of exams". We could participate in an active way.

The **IVSS-Congress** took place in St. Christoph am Arlberg(A). I could stop for a short visit only. There, the subject was "Teaching with pictures-language" (Metafern). In the **Presiding Board of Interski** we have talked, in different meetings, about the Congress 2003 in Crans Montana. After a difficult start, the outlook looks brighter today and a good event will take place in the year 2003 on a steep hillside, but worthy of a congress.

Few activities had been planned in the **FIS-Committee Training and Teaching**. I will renew the contacts at the FIS-Congress in Antwerpen.

The **general atmosphere** in the mentioned organizations can be described as follows:

Most of the national associations are working on restructures. The incomes in our branch are not the same as in the past years, anymore. So the strength is especially used within the own association and not for the international relations.

The **EU-negotiations of recognition** –the ISIA doesn't take care of them anymore – in which the ski instructors associations of the EU countries are involved, are a strain especially on the small nations, a fact we can very well notice in the participation of our Congress. Some national associations have told us, that they cannot come to the Congress, as they have already spent their whole budget on the participation of the frequent EU-meetings. But every member of the ISIA should try to be represented at the congresses and events of the ISIA, so that an exchange of opinions can take place. And every member must ask oneself the question, what he gives himself to the ISIA and not only, what the ISIA gives to the member.

For the future, I see the function of the ISIA in the following sectors:

- A platform for contacts, the spread of the professional ski instructors' training in the whole world.
- Meetings on a regular base in the theory-room and on the ski run should promote our profession.
- The ISIA-stamp should be enhanced in its status and extended for reductions in the winter resorts.
- Furthermore the contacts within the European and American continents should be intensified, that's why also the Congresses 2001 in Whistler and eventually in Argentina on 2002.
- There will be certainly a new starting position for the ISIA after the ratification of the "Euro-Test" (security and technique). The goals of the ISIA have to be partly redefined, depending on the results of the negotiations and the membership of all the EU-nations.

I'm especially happy about the fact that we had the courage to hold the Congress this year in Canada at Mount Whistler, where important contacts have been established which will hopefully continue to be rewarding in the future.

Finally, I would like to ask all the members to report eventual changes of addresses, to ease our work in the Presiding Board.

I thank my colleagues in the Presiding Board for their precious work and I hope in a further good cooperation.

I still wish a rewarding Meeting of the Delegates to all of you and a successful Congress in Whistler.