

Message from the President: The State of the Council (III)

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ICHPER·SD has arrived at a most critical juncture in our history that has been so wrought with challenges. In my messages on the State of the Council (I) and (II) in the *ICHPER·SD Journal of Research*, Fall & Winter issue 2008 and Spring & Summer issue 2009, I presented our course of action, the underpinnings of our strategic agenda and a new direction for the Council's operation and administration. In this message on the State of the Council (III), I will focus on the progress we have made.

I. The Employment of the ICHPER·SD Executive Director

In line with our plan to change the Council's paradigm for operations and management, we succeeded in 1) building the Council's account balance; and 2) searching for and hiring a fulltime ICHPER·SD Executive Director.

A. Achieving a Minimum Account Balance and Hiring an Executive Director

We finally succeeded in reaching the minimum Council account balance set in 2007 to permit the hiring of an executive director proficient in fundraising, financial and operational management. We are very pleased to have found an Executive Director with an MBA, valuable work experience and a good record of achievement.

Mr. Charles T.G. Ambrus is the ICHPER·SD Executive Director (the first executive director ever hired since the foundation of this organization in 1958) and began his first day on November 9, 2009. He was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He earned his BA (Major: Political Science & Minor: Psychology) from American University, Washington, D. C. (1984 – 1988) and Masters' degree in Business Administration (MBA: Concentration in Finance and Management) from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York (2001 – 2002). Mr. Ambrus has an exceptional background in political and not-for-profit management, fundraising and development as well as organizational and communication skills. He has worked with government, political and corporate leaders, foundations and not-for-profit organizations, and we are very certain that he will meet our high expectations.

As President, for two days I participated in interviewing the candidates for executive director along with the search committee (Chair: Dr. Adel Elnashar; Members: Dr. Yoshiro Hatano, Dr. Thomas Sawyer; Mrs. Carmella Gilpin). Mrs. Gilpin, our Administrative Associate with over 20 years experience working for our organization, and myself conducted the 2nd round of interviews in close consultation with Dr. Adel Elnashar, Secretary General. We selected Mr. Ambrus as the best of the final five candidates. One of his most outstanding talents was his understanding of international relations beyond his creative, analytic and strategic thinking.

B. Communicating with the Executive Director

Mr. Ambrus can be reached by e-mail: cambrus@aahperd.org or ctgambrus@gmail.co and/or Tel: 1 (703) 476 – 3486 at the headquarters in Reston, Virginia, U.S.A. from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. I encourage every member to welcome Mr. Ambrus to our ICHPER·SD family.

II. 2010 ICHPER·SD FORUM

A. Central Focus of the Forum Program Contents

The re-scheduled **52nd ICHPER·SD Anniversary World Congress** in Doha, Qatar, (May 8 – 12, 2010), will take place only 6 weeks after March 16, 2010, the date of the **2010 ICHPER·SD Forum** scheduled in conjunction with the **125th National Convention and Exposition of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD)** in Indianapolis, Indiana in the U.S. Therefore, we have no choice but to reduce the time allocation from 2 days to a 1-day program and to further modify the FORUM programming contents.

All ICHPER·SD and AAHPERD members who are registered with the 125th AAHPERD Convention & Exposition are welcome to attend the 2010 ICHPER·SD FORUM. Especially our members from abroad are cordially invited to come and experience the wide array of programs at the annual AAHPERD National Convention. Upon your registration with the AAHPERD Convention (www.aahperd.org/convention), you may then request an invitation for your entry visa to the United States from ICHPER·SD headquarters (e-mail: ichper@aahperd.org) in Reston, Virginia 20191-1598, USA. When registering with the AAHPERD Convention, ICHPER·SD members will be honored with a reduced registration fee category, **‘Collegial’** (Registration fees and deadlines are: U.S. \$250 by 1/15/10; \$295 by 2/19/10; \$330 onsite or beginning 2/20/10 & \$165 onsite one day).

The AAHPERD Annual Convention and Exposition is the greatest national academic and scientific forum in the world and a very popular educational festival for professionals in our field. Usually, more than 6,000 dedicated HPERSD professionals from the U.S. and around the world come to experience and choose from more than 400 programs and 300 exhibitors – a unique interdisciplinary blend of sessions, plenary and topical lectures, workshops, oral and poster presentations highlighting emerging issues and trends in health, physical education, recreation, sport and dance.

The 2010 ICHPER·SD Forum will focus on finalizing the 52nd ICHPER·SD World Congress symposium programs in each of the 5 ICHPER·SD Divisions (i.e., Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Olympic Movement, and Dance) under the leadership of each ICHPER·SD Commissioner.

The five Commissioners are: **Dr. Mohammad R. Torabi** (Health, E-mail: torabi@indiana.edu); **Dr. Timothy Henrich** (Physical Education, henrich@uiwtx.edu); **Dr. Joseph Levy** (Recreation, marathonjoe2003@yahoo.com); **Dr. Thomas Rosandich** (Sport and Olympic Movement, tprosandich@ussa-sport.ussa.edu); and **Dr. Janice D. LaPointe-Crump** (Dance, jancrump@centurytel.net). Those ICHPER·SD members who plan to participate in the World Congress in Doha as presenters (e.g., oral, poster, and/or symposium/demonstration sessions) are encouraged to contact the ICHPER·SD Commissioner in your area (i.e., Division) to inquire about the possibility of being one of the 5 panel members at the symposium session, and/or to be nominated for appointment as **Director of an ICHPER·SD Commission** (see the Booklet p. 13 & 14). All those who have been appointed Commission Directors (when nominated by the Commissioner and approved by the President) will receive **Special Certificates of Appointment** at the closing/awards segment of the 2010 ICHPER·SD Forum. The final agenda of the Forum will be announced by February 20, 2010 in consultation with Division Commissioners.

B. Operating Code for the ICHPER·SD Journals

In December 2009, **Dr. Steven Wright**, Department of Kinesiology, College of Health and Human Services, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, USA was appointed the new **Editor** of the *ICHPER·SD Journal of Research*. He will undergo the usual confirmation process.

Those who wish to become reviewers and/or to serve in leadership positions for the *ICHPER·SD Journal of Research* as well as the *Journal of ICHPER·SD* are encouraged to read the relevant operating codes of the ICHPER·SD Journals. The appointment procedures for the editorial team (i.e., editors, associate and assistant editors, and reviewers) will be enforced as stipulated in the Operating Code for *the ICHPER·SD Journal of Research*. The Operating Code for *the Journal of ICHPER·SD* is still being drafted and will be submitted for the approval of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors on May 8, 2010 in Doha, Qatar. We extend an invitation to all HPERSD professionals and graduate students to participate in our mission/programs, including the World Congress in Doha, Qatar.

III. Abstract & Manuscript Processing Procedures for the 52nd ICHPER·SD World Congress: Role of the Division Commissioners and Members of the Scientific Committee

Having Served as ICHPER·SD President (July 1, 2003 – present) and ICHPER·SD Secretary General (1991 – 2003), I learned how critical the review process for Abstracts and Manuscripts is. It is one of the paramount factors influencing our membership retention, growth and wellbeing as a leading international organization in the field. The effective, systematic, fair and punctual review process invigorates our members' desire to participate in our scholarly activities at the world-class level.

A. Revision to the Membership & Structure of the English Scientific Committee

Ex-officio Member/Chair: **Dr. Dong Ja Yang** (E-mail: djyang@erols.com)

Associate Chair: **Dr. Steven C. Wright** (E-mails: steven.wright@unh.edu)

Co-Chair for Health Division: **Dr. Mohammad R. Torabi** (Email: torabi@indiana.edu);
Members: Dr. Veronica Igbanugo and Dr. Serap Inal

Co-Chair for Physical Education Division: **Dr. Timothy Henrich** (Email: henrich@uiwtx.edu);
Members: Dr. Frank Fang and Dr. Veronica Igbanugo

Co-Chair for Recreation & Leisure: **Dr. Joseph Levy** (Email: marathonjoe2003@yahoo.com);
Members: Dr. Alberto Calderon and Dr. Timothy Henrich

Co-Chair for Sport & Olympic Movement: **Dr. Thomas Rosandich** (Email: tprosandich@ussa-sport.ussa.edu); Members: Dr. Yoshiro Hatano and Dr. Steven Wright

Co-Chair for Dance Division: **Dr. Janice D. LaPointe-Crump** (Email: jancrump@centurytel.net)
Members: Dr. Lynette Overby and Dr. Joseph Levy

Co-Chair, the Task Force for Translation of Abstracts from Arabic into English: **Dr. Robert Serfass** (E-mail: serfa001@umn.edu)

B. Abstract & Manuscript Processing Procedures: Role of Division Commissioners and Members of the Scientific Committee

The World Congress Information Booklet, especially pages 19, 20, 21 and 22 provides accurately and precisely all aspects of the congress programs and guidelines, including official language, sessions (i.e., plenary/keynotes, symposium and workshop, oral and poster, submission of abstracts/manuscripts and mandatory rules, notification of acceptance, world congress and ICHPER·SD membership registrations, official program book and the congress proceedings). Everyone concerned should review the contents as thoroughly as possible.

The ICHPER·SD Organizational Structure (see Booklet, p.13), ICHPER·SD Divisions & Commissions (see Booklet, p. 14), Guidelines for Abstracts (see Booklet, p. 34), Guidelines for Manuscripts and Proceedings (see Booklet, p.36) and the *Publication Manual* (5th or 6th Edition) of the American Psychological Association (APA) are very important. All English/Arabic Scientific Committee members and abstract/manuscript submitters are urged to review them thoroughly to have a better understanding of the established reviewing and processing procedures for submitted abstracts and manuscripts.

The five Commissioners (Dr. Torabi, Dr. Henrich, Dr. Levy, Dr. Rosandich and Dr. LaPointe-Crump) are members of the English Scientific Committee (ESC) and will serve as Co-Chairs representing their ICHPER·SD Divisions.

1. English Abstracts and Manuscripts received by ICHPER·SD Headquarters:

- (a) Once abstracts are received, ICHPER·SD Headquarters immediately issues an acknowledgement of receipt with a designated reference number via an e-mail (re: no paper mailing system will be used in the entire process);
- (b) ICHPER·SD forwards each abstract to **one** of the five Commissioners of the ICHPER·SD Divisions in accordance with the division area of each submitter;
- (c) The Commissioner (Co-Chair of ESC) must send each assigned abstract received from ICHPER·SD headquarters to 2 other assigned ESC members for their review within 2 days. The ESC members then send their results to the Commissioner within 3 days;
- (d) The Commissioner integrates the result of his/her review and makes one of the following decisions: 1) Accept the abstract as submitted; 2) Recommend revision and re-submission, or 3) Reject;
- (e) The Commissioner must send an acknowledgement of acceptance, revision or rejection by e-mail directly to the abstract submitter within 7 days of receiving an abstract from ICHPER·SD headquarters and must provide a copy of the acknowledgement to ICHPER·SD headquarters;
- (f) In case of revision, we recommend that the Commissioner extend words of encouragement to the submitter, at the Commissioner's discretion, and offer suggestions and assistance to re-write and re-submit the abstract, especially for those submitters who are non-native English speakers, junior professionals or graduate/undergraduate students. This process should not take more than 2 days;
- (g) In case of rejection, the Commissioner should extend words of appreciation for submitting the abstract along with a brief statement of the reason for the rejection (e.g., usually for not being in compliance with the guidelines for abstracts as established in the World Congress Information Booklet, p.34);
- (h) Once the submitter completes registration for the 52nd World Congress and ICHPER·SD membership and his/her status of membership has been verified, ICHPER·SD Headquarters will send an "**Official Letter of Acceptance**" to the abstract and/or manuscript submitter;
- (i) As a rule, both the English and Arabic Scientific Committees review only submitted abstracts, not manuscripts. No manuscript will be accepted without being accompanied by the officially processed and accepted abstract with designated reference number and copyright assignment, in full compliance with the guidelines for manuscripts (see the Booklet, p.36-37). There is however the possibility that the Commissioners and other ESC members might occasionally review manuscripts if we are confronted with a large number of submissions;
- (j) Dr. Robert Serfass of the English Scientific Committee (ESC) will be serving as the main coordinator for tasks involving the translation into English of Abstracts

written in Arabic in close consultation with Dr. Adel Elnashar, Secretary General and Ex-Officio member of the Arabic Scientific Committee (ASC). Those abstracts that are officially processed will be included in the 52nd World Congress Official Proceedings in English;

- (k) Dr. Dong Ja Yang, Ex-officio/Chair of the English Scientific Committee, Dr. Steven Wright, Associate Chair, Dr. Timothy Henrich, Dr. Veronica Igbanugo, and Dr. Joseph Levy will formulate the final contents (i.e., the officially processed abstracts and manuscripts) of the 52nd World Congress Official Proceedings in English;
- (l) The ICHPER·SD President will be responsible for the design and printing arrangements for the 52nd World Congress English Proceedings and will ship them to the Qatar Olympic Committee (WCOC'2010) according to the officially established timetable.

2. Arabic Abstracts and/or Manuscripts received by the Arabic Scientific Committee of the Qatar Olympic Committee (WCOC'2010)

Understanding the unique situation of the HPERSD academic and scientific community in the Arabic speaking countries, the Arabic Scientific Committee (ASC) may develop its own review procedures, while incorporating the principles and essential elements in the review process as shown above for the English Scientific Committee. However, please find below for your consideration a guide for the development of the ASC review process.

- (a) The Arabic Scientific Committee (ASC) may issue immediately a letter of acknowledgement of receipt as an e-mail attachment to each abstract or manuscript submitter;
- (b) Dr. Ahmed Al-Emadi, Chair of the ASC, forwards each abstract/manuscript immediately to assigned members of the ASC for review within 3 days time;
- (c) ASC assigned members return the results of their review (e.g., accept as submitted, reject with suggestions for revision and re-submit, or reject when necessary) to Dr. Al-Emadi;
- (d) In case of rejection, Dr. Al-Emadi may extend words of encouragement to the submitter, at his or ASC's discretion, and offer suggestions and assistance to revise and re-submit it, especially for those submitters who are junior professionals, graduate and undergraduate students. This process should not exceed more than 2 days in order to comply with a maximum timeline of 10 days.
- (e) After receiving an email notification that an abstract has been accepted, the submitter must 1) register with the 52nd World Congress; and 2) register with ICHPER·SD or have ICHPER·SD membership status confirmed by ICHPER·SD headquarters in the US, by the Qatar Olympic Committee (WCOC'2010) for Qatari, or by Mosaad S. Ewies for Egyptians. The registrations must be completed before Dr. Al-Emadi will send via e-mail attachment an "**Official**

Letter of Acceptance” to the submitter with a copy sent to ICHPER·SD headquarters in the U.S. and to Dr. Adel Elnashar, ICHPER·SD Secretary General.

- (f) References: 1) **Egyptians** will register for both the 52nd World Congress and ICHPER·SD through the Office of Dr. Mosaad S. Ewies, Vice President for ICHPER·SD Middle East in Cairo, Egypt; and 2) **Qataris** may register for both the 52nd World Congress and ICHPER·SD through WCOC’2010 (Qatar Olympic Committee).
- (g) References: 1) Both Dr. Ewies and QOC (WCOC’2010) must transfer or wire registration fees (i.e., World Congress & ICHPER·SD membership) and copies of membership applications every 4 weeks to ICHPER·SD headquarters in the U.S.; 2) Thus, it is necessary to communicate closely on matters regarding a submitter’s status. Membership and registration status must be verified through ICHPER·SD headquarters for all participants from Arabic countries except for Qatari and Egyptian submitters. Qatari submitters’ membership status must be confirmed through WCOC’2010, and Egyptian submitters’ membership status must be confirmed through Dr. Mosaad S. Ewies; and 3) All participants from countries in the ICHPER·SD Middle East region other than Qatar must register for both the 52nd World Congress and ICHPER·SD membership through ICHPER·SD headquarters in the U.S.;
- (h) Dr. Al-Emadi, Chair of ASC, will assign ASC members to translate abstracts from Arabic into English and will forward the translated abstracts to Dr. Adel Elnashar. Dr. Elnashar in close communication with Dr. Robert Serfass of the English Scientific Committee (ESC) must review and revise where necessary any translated abstracts and submit them to ICHPER·SD headquarters for inclusion in the 52nd World Congress Official English Proceedings, which will be published in the U.S.; and
- (i) The World Congress Arabic Proceedings, which only includes abstracts and manuscripts in Arabic, will be published by WCOC’2010 in Doha, Qatar.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Dr. Thomas H. Sawyer’s valuable contribution as Editor for this publication (Volume IV., No.2, Fall & Winter issue 2009) and the previous issue (Volume IV., No.1, Spring & Summer 2009) of *the ICHPER·SD Journal of Research*.

I send you my Season’s Greetings, and thank you for your support all through the year! May your holiday be peaceful and the New Year prosperous!

Sincerely yours,

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