GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON TRADITIONAL PHYSICAL CULTURES, SPORTS & GAMES
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(National Premier Institute of Physical Education of India)

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International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)
International Association for the History of Physical Education and Sports (ISHPES)
International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW)

Success Story

A long awaited event is concluded on 17th last with a positive note endorsed by all the participants of the Conference. It is the success story of the Global Conference on Traditional Physical Cultures, Sports and Games A held on 15-17 January 2013 at Amravati – a small town in the State of Maharashtra India

The Three day Conference had delegates from 28 different countries covering all the five continents of the GLOBE. About 250 delegates from 20 different States of India representing various Universities, Cultural Centers, Sports Organizations, Training Colleges of Physical Education, and members of different faculties have attended the Conference. Programmed consisted of: Scientific Session, Physical Display, Cultural Nights and Exhibition. More than 130 papers and posters were read and presented in the ‘Scientific Session’. Physical displays of traditional sports and games and items presented in the Cultural Nights. The three day Conference had delegates from 28 different countries covering all the five continents by the sports persons and artists of different States received great appreciation and admiration of the spectators. Exhibition of ancient stone panels depicting sports of India, pictures and paintings, specially those painted by the Foot and Mouth Artists, photo gallery of HVPM Mandal depicting 100 years history, the flower show of local Club, Laser Show and Engineering in Sports models and gadgets presented by the Engineering Colleges proved place of attraction. The Postal Stamp collection and rare Coins show arranged by Amravati Philatelic Association, Colorful Rangoli designs sketched by local artists are worth to be mentioned here and attracted attention of large number of local people. It is estimated that about 50,000 people have visited the campus that was beautifully decorated and lighted. Millions of people have viewed the Conference on TV Channels and through local news papers.

Inauguration Ceremony of this historic Event was held on Tuesday the 15th January 2013. Ms. Pratibha Devising Patil former President of India Delhi presided over the function, where as Governor Tripura State declared the Centenary Year open. Prof. Dr. Margaret Talbot President ICSSPE U.K. declared the Conference open amidst big cheers. State Agriculture Minister, Mr. Wolfgang Baumann (Germany) Secretary General TAFISA, Mr. Detlef Dumon (Germany) Secretary General ICSSPE, Prof. Dr. Tansin Ben President IAPESGW (U.K.), local Member of Indian Parliament, local Members of Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra, Mayor of Amravati Corporation and many other dignitaries were present on the Dais. The Conference is hosted by Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal - the premier Institute of physical education and traditional sports and games that is completing 100 years of successful functioning in TPCSG. The event is patronized by TAFISA, ICSSPE, IAPESGW, FIEP, ITSGA, ISHPES and conducted under the auspices of National Association of Physical Education and Sports (NAPES-INDIA). UNESCO -Regional Office Delhi has granted approval to the event. Political clearance was granted by the national government of India.

This Conference had the honor to have collaboration of UGC, AIU,(Association of Indian University New Delhi.) S.G.B. Amravati University ,Amravati, South Central Zone Cultural Centre Nagpur, RSTM Nagpur University, Nagpur, Degree College of Physical Education Amravati.

During the period of Conference a few meetings of International nature are held:
1. Meeting of the President Committee of ICSSPE (14.01.2013)
3. Joint Meeting of Gerlev Sports Academy Denmark and H.V.P.Mandal Amravati (MoU) – 17.01.2013
4. Meeting of the Board of Directors TAFISA (18.01.2013.)

Out put:
1. The Conference proved instrumental in giving guideline to the scheme of promotion of TSG for the consideration of UNESCO and other world bodies.
2. Conference has enabled international delegates of 28 countries to understand India's age old traditional System of Physical Culture sports and games.

3. The Conference proved instrumental in establishing friendly relations of participating countries with each other and created scope for signing MOU exchange of traditional activities.

4. Common declaration in the form of resolution is passed unanimously by all the delegates present and it is further resolved to circulate the same to appropriate authorities for their consideration. (Copy attached.)

5. Realizing the significance of traditional physical culture, sports and games in the National programmed of education and their values in promoting health, fitness and attitude of the masses it was appealed to the host institute -Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal Amravati to keep organizing such event after every four years with the support of UNESCO, and other International Organizations and in partnership with allied institutions and Universities.

The Conference is closed on 17th Jan. 2013. The follow up work is to continue for the years to come with new bondage of friendship with UNESCO and other World bodies for the promotion of traditional physical cultures, sports and games world over.

Declaration

The Conference commends and congratulates the Degree College of Physical Education and Sports, HVPM in Amravati, India, on its 100 anniversary and for organizing the Global Conference on Traditional Physical Cultures, Sports and Games, held on 15-17 January 2013 in Amravati, India in collaboration with Degree College of Physical Education-Amravati, SGB Amravati University-Amravati, RSTM Nagpur University-Nagpur, Association of Indian Universities (AIU)-New Delhi, South Central Zone Cultural Center-Nagpur.

The participants strongly endorse the ICSSPE Position Statement (2010), which reaffirms the 1978 UNESCO International Charter on Physical Education and Sport, the Berlin Agenda for Governments from 1999, and the Declaration of Punta del Este at MINEPS III, which calls on governments’ commitment to:

- Implement Policies for Physical Education as human right for all children.
- Recognize that quality physical education depends on well qualified educators and scheduled time within the curriculum, both of which are possible to provide even when other resources like equipment are in short supply.
- Invest in initial and in-service professional training and development for educators.
- Support research to improve the effectiveness and quality of physical education.
- Work with international financial institution to ensure that physical education is included as part of their aid programs in education.
- Recognize the distinctive role of physical education in health, overall developments and safe, supportive communities.

In view of the world wide problems of inactivity, which is a major causative factor in the growth of non-communicable diseases overweight and obesity, the Global Conference emphasizes the crucial importance of school physical education as the most effective and inclusive means of providing all children, whatever their ability / disability, sex, age, cultural, race / ethnicity, religious or social background with the skills, attitudes, values, knowledge and understanding for lifelong participation in physical activity and sport.

Conference therefore recommends to educational authorities in all countries, that provision of physical education by fully qualifies teachers of physical education be mandatory for all pre-school, primary and secondary school children.

The Conference commends TAFISA and the Degree of Physical Education and Sports Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal, Amravati India, for their promotion and practice of a wide range of physical cultures, which extend opportunities for physical activity and encourage inclusive participation.

Passed and adopted by all the delegates of the Conference.

Comments for Conference

Marina Faetanini
UNESCO Representative

I am pleased to take this opportunity to warmly thank you for the great event held in Amravati, for its substance, its logistics, its cultural nights and it's amazing energy. I will treasure the beautiful memories, captured in pictures and videos, from HVPM Amravati, and hope to make the best use of it.

As discussed, I will send you a sample of the work of the Social and Human Sciences in India, beyond Sport (internal migration, urban policies, historic districts for all).

You are most welcome to visit us in our Delhi Office and I would be pleased, as discussed, to introduce you to my colleague in the Culture Sector for a discussion on intangible heritage in India.

With my best wishes for the success of HVPM and its students.

Professor Margaret Talbot
PhD OBE FRSA
President, International

My dear Suresh

Our thanks to YOU, and to your colleagues and students, for all that you did during our stay in Amravati, to make us comfortable and welcome.
You gave us unforgettable experiences, which we shall treasure – and extended our understanding and appreciation of physical cultures, through the conference programme, the wonderful exhibition and amazing displays. I think that none of us had expected such a rich array of movement – nor such a large and varied cast of performers.

As a birthday party for the College's 100th, it was absolutely appropriate, and we have been honoured and privileged to be part of it.

Please will you pass on to your colleagues, students and all who contributed, our thanks and appreciation? Your leadership and commitment have been so important in forging new relationships and friendships, which I hope will last for many years to come.

I will send you the feedback you request in a separate note – but for now, I wished to keep this response for thanks!

With warm wishes for success in the next 100 years! I do hope that you can get some well-deserved rest during the coming days. No doubt getting back to normal will be quite a challenge, after the last days!

First of all I want to thank you for your kind invitation to Amravati and to the Global Conference. I enjoyed it very much and got to know new traditional physical cultures, sport and games. The Global Conference was very challenging and well organized. Also the exposition was very interesting. India is a country I so far only knew through films and television or from other people having travelled in the country. I also met many friendly people. We were very warmly welcomed by all the people.

Concerning the program it would be helpful to know in advance, not later than the opening ceremony, who is peaking when and where. The program was very interesting and well diversified. The services we got were excellent.

My return trip was without any problems and I am back in cold winter with temperatures below zero.

With warm regards

Let me take the opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for excellent hospitality during my stay, at Amravati, January 14-17, 2013 to participate the excellent “Global Conference” on TPCSG – 2013 in commemoration of your HVPM Centenary celebration and I enjoy the same. With warmest regards

Is it possible for you to email me a copy of the Declaration, appropriately on a Conference letterhead for use in Australia?

I have already had an article published in our largest newspaper in Australia and I will send the Declaration to appropriate Ministers in Australia.

P.S. On Saturday January 26th Page 43 of the Herald Sun newspaper Australia’s largest selling newspaper. The Amravati resolution to call Educational Authorities to make Physical Education compulsory ‘world wide’ was given a whole article.

I echo Margaret’s words of gratitude for an amazing conference in India and the life enhancing opportunity to see for ourselves the rich original and diverse physical cultural heritage your country possesses.

Yes we arrived back in the UK but to snow so travel this end has been interesting - we are now in our respective homes. I do hope you will have some time with your family and at rest all
your efforts, and those of your team, to make our stay as comfortable as possible in Amravati.

My gratitude should also be expressed to the team of people who helped us in India from the hotel and transport people to the young students who ensured we found our way around your campus and their gracious manner throughout. Indeed the trip was unforgettable and my life is richer in understanding and friendship, thank you.

Finally, I want to say that if my flight money has not yet been transferred - since it does not yet show on my bank account, then please do not send it. I have decided the money can do more good in India so I will fund my flights from personal means.

I understand more of your struggles and would much prefer the money to be put to good use locally. If it is possible - some of it could go towards helping your head of women's physical education to come to IAPESGW Congress in Cuba in April.

I wish you every success in forthcoming days and years. You made something wonderful happen in Amravati for the 100th year of the College's life and many of us were fortunate to be there.

I particularly loved the displays in all their forms and it is indeed a world heritage venue for Indian physical culture.

Thank you for your persistance, attention to detail and constant encouragement to come to share this wonderful experience. I will never forget.

After a long journey back to Germany I would like to express my deep respect to you. It was a wonderful organized Global Conference and I am favourably impressed by your Institute, the students and volunteers, the campus, the hospitality and all the laughing and friendly people. It was my first visit in India but an extraordinary experience. And it will not be my last visit in Amravati. It would be good to keep contact as I am also thinking of new and extraordinary Promotion-Tours of Indian traditional sports in Germany. I have some ideas and will let you know more soon. Many greetings and warm regards.

Thanks for a wonderful stay in your beautiful country.

Lars and I returned safely after a splendid day in Mumbai with a lot of sightseeing. Back home I have really entertained with the unbelievable story about your visit to Gerlev in 1949. Everybody enjoy the story. All the economics problems have been solved. Lars and I have been discussed our MOU in details. And we would like to work fast to make our cooperation fruitful for both parties – and not just some words on paper. I have the following suggestion IF you find it interesting.

I will be interested in paying the trip for Lars to return to Amravati either January or February next year for 14 days stay running teaching sessions and workshops for the students and in fact also for those professionals interested in Danish Physical Culture of Play and games. You may don't know but after our oral presentation a lot of the participants wanted Lars to teach and demonstrate our games. I would be happy if this was a possibility.

Similar we natural would be happy to welcome some of your staff. And maybe some students (2-3 students) would find it worth studying at Gerlev in the Autumn.

Please accept our heartfelt complements and gratitude for the excellent conduct of the Global Conference on TPCSG at Amravati, Nagpur, India. The Scout Zambore organized in 1985 at New Delhi was of the same magnitude. Once again you have demonstrated administrative ability which you may derive greatest satisfaction. Never before, in the history of Physical Education in India a conference like this is organized in a meticulous manner as SHVP Mandal. Programe Segments such as scientific session with Symposium on P.E. practice in Auyurveda, Physical display of our traditional activities, 23 stalls exhibition with 100 years preservatives, Traditional cultural dances of several states of the federation, food and accommodation were of excellent. More importantly, three day Programme went smoothly with out any hitch. Participation of global organizations like UNESCO, IAPESGW, ICSEPE, TAFISA & many overseas delegates is an upheaval task.

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Your contribution to the Mandal and Physical education is of great value. I am confident your sincere & dedicated services over four decades may suitably be recognized. There is a saying “Success is Sweet and its Secrete is Sweat.”. It is the coordinated efforts of many under your able guidance and more importantly strong support of the iron man Padmshri. Prof. P.A.Vaidy with the concept of “Age Bado”. This may be written in Golden letters in the Indian history of...
physical Education & sports as well as SHVP Mandal. Once again our complements to each and every one for extending financial and logistic support for its grand success. NAPES members are proud and happy about it.

But it is not the end, as the saying goes – Sky is the limit for vertical growth. “Look Up Aim High” and success would follow. Contribution of the Mandal to P.E and traditional physical culture is known all over the globe. We should continue our efforts to establish the university for Indian Physical Culture, Sports and Games.

Congratulations and best of luck.

Dr. Gopal L. Moghe
Director, Physical Education and Sports, Mahavidyalaya, Nilanga, Dist. Latur (M.S.)

By organizing The Global conference on Traditional Physical Cultures, Sports and Games very successfully you have set an example of a herculean task in your area. I have presented my paper on "Effect of Yogasana on Competitive Swimmers". It is a great experience for me to be a part of this Global Conference.

Sir, I express my deep sense of gratitude toward you; and I take this opportunity to congratulate you.

Thank you.

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