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1.0 North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN) Activities

The IASMHF/NASLIN/CASH Conference Calgary, Alberta, Oct 19-21, 2005 The International Association of Sports Museums & Halls of Fame (IASMHF), the North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN) and the Canadian Association for Sport Heritage (CASH), held a joint conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Participants came to Calgary from all parts of the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, South Africa, the UK and China for the 35th Conference of IASMHF, the 10th for NASLIN and the 27th for CASH.

The speakers at the NASLIN sessions were well prepared and current with greatly motivated speakers. Along with the NASLIN conference participants many IASMHF members came to the NASLIN sessions. The NASLIN sessions included:

- ?? Sport Archives: Acquisition, Processing, and Digital Documents
- ?? Digitizing Sport Materials
- ?? Olympic Collections and Archives in North America
- ?? Educating the Student Sport Researcher/ End User in Using the New Technologies and Databases
- ?? Sports Websites and the Internet: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly
- ?? State of the Art: Updates on Sport Resources and Collections

The social program included visits to some key sport venues in southern Alberta. The Thursday night banquet was held at Spruce Meadows, the international equestrian and show jumping facility in south Calgary. Tours of the well-kept horse barns preceded the banquet. On Friday evening, the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in Red Deer (1.5 hr drive north of Calgary) hosted the evening's tour of the Museum and the beef barbeque.

Future NASLIN Conferences

The International Sports Heritage Association (the new name as of January 1, 2006 - formerly called the International Association of Sports Museums and Halls of Fame) invited NASLIN to join them at their annual conference for 2006. While NASLIN usually holds conferences on an 18-month interval, the NASLIN Steering Committee agreed that we should participate in this forthcoming conference. Many of the topics of interest to NASLIN members are also interesting to ISHA, so the cooperative relationship is beneficial to both organizations.

The joint conference will be held on November 1-3, 2006 in Memphis, Tennessee. The local host is the National Pastime: Museum of Minor League Baseball. Organizing the NASLIN sessions is James Gates, Library Director, National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum (jgates@baseballhalloffame.org)

1.2 NASLINE

As is the usual practice, two issues of NASLINE were issued during this reporting period: No. 26, September 2005 and No. 27, February 2006. These online issues were distributed to the over 300 librarians on the NASLIN Distribution List, to the IASI listserv, sport history, sport sociology and SPRIG.

2. Activities of Sport Librarians and Libraries in North America

In each issue of NASLINE, updates to the ongoing digitization project at the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles have been reported. See these issues for information on the status of the digitization of Official Reports and back runs of periodicals.

The AAFLA Search page (<http://www.aafla.org/>) has been updated recently. With so many publications digitized the listings are now split up into different sections, e.g. Periodicals, Books/Proceedings, Official Olympic Reports. A quick check of the Books/Proceedings pages reveals the addition of the Tom Brock Lectures (Univ. of New South Wales) on rugby.

Other digitization projects on the topic of soccer are in the planning phase in North America (more information later when details are available). In February the United States Golf Association Library announced a recently launched digitization project on the topic of golf (see 2.1).

2.1 United States Golf Association Museum/Library, SEGL Digitization Project

<http://www.usga.org/aboutus/museum/library/library.html>

In February, Doug Stark, Librarian at the USGA Library announced the availability of digitized late 19th century/early 20th century golf books and periodical issues that are held at the USGA Library in Far Hills, New Jersey. The project is called SEGL which is the shortened name for the Seagle Electronic Golf Library. This is named after Janet Seagle, a former curator at the USGA who worked there for 27 years. She is recognized as a great source of knowledge on the history of golf.

Many of the Library's rare books have been digitized, e.g.

- ?? Clark, Robert, ed., *Golf: a royal and ancient game*, 2nd ed., London/NY: Macmillan, 1893
- ?? Chambers, Robert. *Gymnastics, golf, curling*. London, 1866
- ?? Park, William. *The game of golf*. London/NY: Longmans, Green, 1896

And popular golf magazine issues:

- ?? *Golf Illustrated and Outdoor America*
- ?? *American Golfer*
- ?? *American Annual Golf Guide*

3. Updating Scholarly Sport Sites: A Subject Directory (SSS)

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/ssportsite/>

After the ICSSPE meetings in Edmonton, Alberta in August 2005, it became apparent that ICSSPE members and others needed a convenient place to find many of the governmental policy and professional association documents that advocate best practice or promote better standards and procedures. In the UK, a faculty member has created a website called Sport Development, <http://www.sportdevelopment.org.uk/> for students who are taking a course on international sport development and leadership. This is an excellent website for the UK sport policy documents and also selected international documents.

To complement this good website and include more documents, a new section on Scholarly Sport Sites was produced. It is called, *Sport Charters, Codes, Declarations, Policies, Resolutions, Standards* and was created from some parts of the now defunct *Bibliography of Special Sport Publications*. This revised and expanded section is divided into the following topics:

- ?? Codes of Ethics
- ?? College/University/High School
- ?? Drugs/Doping/Supplements/Genetics
- ?? Governmental Issues/Policy/Structure
- ?? Healthy Living/Diet/Nutrition
- ?? Physical Education/Adapted/Physical Activity
- ?? Sports Medicine/Sports Sciences/Injuries
- ?? Training/Safety
- ?? Women/Gender Issues/Children

In addition, another section on Scholarly Sport Sites was created called Digital/Fulltext Sport Books and Serials to provide guidance for the many newly created and burgeoning digitizing projects in North America. While there are a number of subscription based fulltext journal and book databases, many libraries do not have access to these sources. Therefore, a decision was made to focus on the freely accessible resources initially.

Digital/Fulltext Sport Books and Serials

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/ssportsite/digital.html>

This listing contains information on freely accessible sport monographs found in digitized collections, including the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles (AAFLA) Virtual Library, the Making of America (MOA) projects at Cornell University and University of Michigan, Harvard University's Open Collections Program (HU-WW) and the eScholarship Repository of the University of California (UC-CDL). For instance:

- ?? Ainsworth, Dorothy Sears. A history of physical education in colleges for women. NY: A.S. Barnes and Co., 1930. (HU-WW)
- ?? Alexander, Christine. Greek athletics. NY: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1925. (UC-EOS)
- ?? Athletic sports for boys: a repository of graceful recreations for youth. NY: Dick & Fitzgerald, 1866. (MOA-UM)
- ?? Behee, John Richard. Fielding Yost's legacy to the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor: Dist by Uhlrich's Books, 1971. (UM-DGC)
- ?? Bull, William Perkins. From rattlesnake hunt to hockey: the history of sports in Canada and the sportsmen of Peel, 1798 to 1934. (Peel)

This listing will eventually become redundant if the Google Print digitizing project <http://print.google.com/> does finally get underway in a few years and the Making of America projects develop into more comprehensive digitized collections.

Specific Fulltext Sport Periodicals & Periodical Articles

The digitized books listing is followed by a section showing fulltext sport periodicals and a sampling of sport-related periodical articles found in the late 19th century general periodicals, part of the MOA projects. Again, the titles listed are freely accessible. For example:

American Golfer (1908-1920) (AAFLA)(Pub. 1908-1936)
Baseball Magazine (1908-1918) (AAFLA) (Pub.v1-81, 1908-1948)

Or a selection of specific articles from one magazine

The Century (1881-1899) (MOA-CU)

- ?? Camp, Walter, College athletics, v46, no2, June 1893, p.204-211.
- ?? Marquand, Allan. The old Olympic Games, v51, no6, Apr 1896, p. 803-816.
- ?? De Coubertin, Pierre, The Olympic Games of 1896, v53, no1, Nov 1896, p. 39-54.
- ?? Baillie-Grohman, W.A. Sports in the seventeenth century. v54, no3, July 1897, p 390-402.

Respectfully submitted,

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