Dear friends and colleagues in CSIT,

As new President it is a great honor for me to introduce the CSIT Annual Report 2016, even if this reporting period was mostly under the presidency of my predecessor Harald Bauer. But in fact, there was a fluent transition over months until the Congress in October with finally my appointment as President of CSIT. For that reason in advance I would like to thank in particular Harald Bauer, Treasurer Christian Vifian, General Secretary Wolfgang Burghardt and all other members of the Executive Committee that this transition run smoothly and I and my team could ideally prepare for this new challenge.

Especially I would like to thank Harald Bauer for what he has done during his presidency: he represented a relevant turning point for CSIT, providing to the confederation adaptations up to date. Always available to interactions, under his presidency we signed strategic protocols with other organizations and re-launched the confederation as a more open and well-known platform.

My presidency will be in the sign of continuance of the last year’s policies of CSIT. Basically there are three issues on which I want to pay my attention and assure my commitment: communication, young leaders and the re-launch of the Games to attract more sponsors. Furthermore I believe that time has come to create within our World Sports Games a section for athletes with disabilities: everyone has the right to socialize, to participate and to compete. Our role and our history of men and women dedicated to the promotion of sports for all asks us now to act actually considering the needs of all.

2016 was characterized by the launch of the preparation of our sporting highlight the 5th CSIT World Sports Games 2017 (WSG) to be held in the city of Riga, the touristic, economic, cultural as well as sports centre of the Baltic region, required a close cooperation between the CSIT ExCom and the CSIT Technical Commissions on the one hand and the RIGOC, the Organising Committee of the Riga Games and the Latvian sports experts on the other hand. LTSA as the host union has set up professional structures that shall finally guarantee guest satisfaction and a big success of the event. LTSA President and former Latvian Prime Minister Andris Berzins as the head of the organising committee will certainly use all his contacts in the Baltic and Latvian world of sports in order to promote the 5th CSIT WSG on a wide level.

During the 38th CSIT Congress in Riga all the international delegates had the chance to visit the sport facilities and the hotels being used half a year later during the games week. All the elaborated conditions, co-operations and the sports program were introduced and promotional material was distributed. Riga and Latvia are well prepared. Everyone is looking forward to our major sport event in Latvia!

At the end here of my words it is my personal intention to underline that during my international representations I have several times realized that the CSIT is meanwhile recognised in the World of Sports as a powerful force of the Sport for All – Movement and the CSIT World Sports Games are a worldwide brand!

Once again many thanks to all member unions for their warm welcome and overwhelming consent for my person as new President of CSIT!

Bruno MOLEA
President
The Executive Committee Meetings 2016

Thanks to the colleagues of the Mexican member union INDET the first meeting took place in Havana / Cuba and was organized by the COPADET member union Central de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC) from March 3rd to 6th. CSIT met the leaders of Cuba’s National Institute of Sport, Physical Culture and Recreation (INDER) as well as representatives of the trade union and the Cuban Olympic Committee. The meetings were finalised with a press conference and TV-Interviews. Main parts of the ExCom meeting were the engagement of General Secretary Burghardt as full-time-employee with the centrally located city of Vienna as General Secretariat, for the purpose of the professionalization of CSIT’s administrative service and the final decisions of the main topics concerning the CSIT World Sports Games 2017 in Riga, Latvia in order to send out the official WSG invitation right after.

SATUS President Christian Vifian introduced with the mayor Zermatt as host-city of the second Executive Committee meeting from June 16th – 19th in the Swiss Alps. CSIT President Harald Bauer officially announced his retirement and his proposal for Bruno Molea as successor received unanimous support. Further main topics were the status quo of the preparations of the next CSIT WSG 2017 and the Congress 2016 in Riga; the Webpage, App and online registration tool for the WSG 2017 as well as the Marketing Concept & Fields of Business opportunities; analyses of single championships like Swimming and Mamanet, implementation of the fair play initiative “Green Card in the CSIT Championships 2017”, new CSIT members as well as rejections and exclusions due to non-commitment and non-fulfilling obligations, and activities for Young Leaders and Sports for Elderly.

The third meeting was organized in Riga on October 18th just prior to the Congress. Main points of this meeting were the preparation of the Congress and the discussion how to coordinate the collaboration between the CSIT Technical Commission members and the LTSA specialists of the specific sports disciplines for the WSG 2017 at the best. Also potential hosts of future WSG editions were analysed. Albert Zbily, President of FIFCO / International Federation of Corporate Football (based in Canada) introduced his organisation. Furthermore it had been decided to recommend to the Congress to accept ICSV – Iraqi Company Sports Federation, UCEC – Unió de Consells Esportius de Catalunya (Spain), Centro Nazionale Sportivo “Libertas” (Italy) and CSEN – Centro Sportivo Educativo Nationale (Italy) as new CSIT Candidate Members.
38th Ordinary Congress

In the interim year of the CSIT World Sports Games, which take place every two years, the highlight 2016 was the Ordinary Congress on October 21st in Hotel Tallink in Riga. The Congress was opened by the resigning CSIT President Harald Bauer and Andris Berzins, President of the hosting CSIT member union LTSA and former Prime Minister of Latvia. Further guest speeches were held by Kārlis Šadurskis (Latvian Minister of Education & Science) and Zorzs Tikmers (Vice President Olympic Committee Latvia). Special Guests were CSIT Honorary President Kalevi Olin from Finland und Honorary Member Avigdor Dagon from Israel as well as high representatives from CSIT cooperation partners as EFPM President Christian Hinterberger, IRV President Henning Henningsen, FICEP President Gerhard Hauer, FIFCO President Albert Zbily, YOU.FO Founder and CEO Bas Ruyssenaars and MAMANET Founder Ofra Abramovich.

/ STATUS QUO OF CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES PREPARATIONS /

The preparation status of the CSIT World Sports Games 2017 in Riga (WSG) has been considered satisfactory by CSIT’s specialists. All members of the Technical Sports Commissions and the international delegations visited the WSG sports venues and had fruitful discussions and coordination meetings with the sports-specialists of the Riga Organizing Committee RIGOC.

All participants were informed about a new online-registration-platform and the new “WSG2017-APP 2.0” for the upcoming games. The Technical Commissions as well as the new Secretary of Swimming Roberto Vecchione (AICS) had a special training for using and serving the new APP for actual and quick information for all kinds of sports [results, timetable, ranking...] as well as social events during these event days.
Sports Director Henk Bouchoms presented the new Anti-Doping Policy of CSIT, which can be found in the Anti-Doping-Corner of the download-center on www.csit.tv. He underlined the excellent cooperation with the specialists of SportAccord and WADA; he reminded that Doping Tests will be conducted at all World Sports Games and all participants have to sign obligatory the “Appendix 2 – Consent Form” in the run-up to the World Sports Games 2017.

CSIT Sports Director Bouchoms announced that within the frame of the WSG 2017 elections of the Technical Commission members in each official CSIT sport will be held for the next 4 years. Indispensable for him besides the competence in the specific sport is the necessity to speak English and optional French.

For a World Confederation as the CSIT the visa topic is always of highest importance. WSG 2017 host LTSA invited Ambassador-Director General Mihails Popkovs, a specialist from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to hold a presentation about the Latvian VISA policy. It is his general recommendation to get in contact with the specific embassy in time, almost half a year in advance and to coordinate intensively with our host union the Latvian Sports for All Association – LTSA.

It has been informed that the on-line registration platform on the official Games webpage http://wsg2017.com should be opened after the
Congress and the preliminary registration phase will end on February 15, 2017. With this preliminary registration (phase 1) should be indicated the number of participants, gender, sports discipline, hotel categories, estimated day of arrival and departure. From February 15 to May 7 (phase 2) is the period for the detailed online registration (definitive registration).

Access Codes for registration have been sent directly to all CSIT member unions meanwhile. All other organisations, companies and interested persons, which are not CSIT members, can easily demand their individual access data. Further information about the registration can be found on the official WSG Website: http://wsg2017.com.

/ FUTURE CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES (WSG) /

The CSIT with all its bodies and specialists is actually working hard to developing this major event continuously and plenty of experience has been gained meanwhile to give advice and support to actual and future host unions and cities. Even President Bruno Molea and his team was successful host of the WSG 2015 in Lignano.

For 2019 there were several interested CSIT member unions to host the next edition of this major sports event. A decision about the awarding of the games 2019 will be expected at the 4th ExCom meeting in Cyprus on March 2nd, 2017. The CSIT Executive Committee underlines that applications even for two event-years simultaneously can be submitted in terms of planning security for the applicant organisation as well as the CSIT. More info about the candidature procedure for hosting CSIT World Sports Games can be found on www.csit.tv.

/ SPORTS FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE /

Vice President Palle Thomsen presented the senior formation course in Paris as well as introduced his plans for the World Sports Games in summer 2017, where a big group of seniors and specialists in this specific field of recreation service and sports will share their ideas and knowledge. Especially multipliers, coaches and generally specialist are welcome to participate, because nowadays Sports for elderly people and seniors is a global phenomenon and movement and a lot of CSIT member unions have specialists with opinion leadership in their home countries.

/ CHANGE OF ARTICLES /

The Congress accepted in part the proposal of the Executive Committee to amend the financial section
of the articles in order to take into account the continuous professionalization of the CSIT Office staff. Objective was also to enhance the commitment and the fairness amongst all member unions.

THE HIGHLIGHT: BRUNO MOLEA, NEW PRESIDENT OF CSIT

The Congress has appointed with applause Bruno Molea as new President of the confederation. Molea took over the presidency from Harald Bauer, who resigned due to business reasons. Bauer, CSIT President since 2008, signed a contract as CEO of the Austrian “Sporthilfe”, a leading organisation for sponsorship of Austrians Top-Athletes.

CSIT – NEW MEMBERS

The Congress decided to incorporate four new organisations and confer them the status “CSIT Candidate Member”:
1. ICSF – Iraqi Company Sports Federation represented by its President Akram Alawadi, Vice President Ali Hussaïen, Abdul Kareem and Wameedh al Jasanee;
2. UCEC – Unió de Consells Esportius de Catalunya (Spain), introduced personally by its President Jaume Domingo i Planas;
3. Centro Nazionale Sportivo Libertas (Italy) and
4. CSEN – Centro Sportivo Educativo Nationale (Italy), two multi-sport organizations, similar structured to the actual Italian members.

The „International Player Welfare Organisation (Nepal)”, represented by Secretary General Tripal Lama, received the „CSIT Observer Status“.

The Congress decided to exclude member union SESI (Brazil), Rossiya, Syndicate Sport (Russia), BWSU (Bulgaria) and to reject the membership application of FCSPT (Congo), ARPST (Rwanda), ICSF (India) due to non-communication, non-contribution as well as non-commitment after several times of warning.

CONGRESS 2017 IN EILAT ISRAEL

All international delegations have been informed that member union HAPOEL will host the next Congress edition in Eilat (Israel), October 23rd to 29th, 2017.
Also Winter-sports is an excellent platform for networking. President Bauer attended the World Championships Ski-Jumping in Kulm / Austria from January 15th – 17th, where highest representatives from IOC, FIS and the Austrian Sports were present.

Of great importance were two meetings in the CSIT headquarters in Vienna, on the one hand with Mamanet International founder Ofra Abramovic and representatives from Mamanet Austria and the ASKÖ from January 29th – 30th. On the other hand the first preparatory meeting with RIGOC leaders Galina Gorbatenkova and Janis Naglis from February 9th – 10th.

The next obligatory event for Harald Bauer and Bruno Molea was the SportAccord Convention (Lausanne in April 18th – 22nd), which is the umbrella organisation for all Olympic and Non-Olympic international sports federations with approx. 2,000 leading delegates as Presidents and General Secretaries. CSIT is member of SportAccord (former GAIFS) since the very first beginning (1973). The SportAccord Convention is the biggest platform for operative business leaders of the global sports. Within the frame of this convention Bauer and Molea had a personal meeting with IOC President Thomas Bach and specialists from the SportAccord Anti-Doping Unit.

Our Estonian member union and host of the 2nd CSIT World Sports Games 2010 KALEV celebrated its 115 year anniversary and is therefore one of our oldest member unions anyway. Vice Presidents Anu Rajajärvi and Yves Richard attended this glorious festival from June 28th – July 1st.

General Secretary Wolfgang Burghardt represented the CSIT at the 27th Crans Montana Forum in Vienna from June 29th to July 1st. This extraordinary platform aims for building a more humane and impartial world. It encourages international cooperation, works to promote best practices and to ensure a permanent dialogue between all those who handle high-level responsibilities.

A round table attended by high-calibre speakers as Honorary Chairman and Founder Jean-Paul Carteron, UNESCO Director for Ethics, Youth and Sport Angela Melo, President of the Summer Olympic International Federations Ricci Bitti or Catalonia’s Secretary General of Sports Gerard Figueras discussed about the issue “Ethics and Sport values at glance of Sport integrity and Governance Public authorities and Sport movements”.

External Relations & Representations
President Bauer joined the highlight of the international sports in Austria in July, the FIVB Beachvolleyball Major Tournament Klagenfurt from July 26th to 31st. The International Volleyball Federation is besides Football (FIVB) the biggest World Federation and Klagenfurt is the FIVB Beachvolleyball Prestige Event. Indoor- and Beachvolleyball are the most demanded official sports in CSIT.

As IOC Recognized Member (since 1986) President Bauer has been invited to attend the highlight of all major sports events 2016, the Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil in August. It goes without saying that this is the most famous sports-event in the world of sports with most global media coverage at all.

On October 8th cooperation partner European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) held its 22nd General Assembly in Vienna. Main topics were the election of a new board of EFPM, presentation of the annual EFPM-Awards and election of the EFPM President: Austrian Christian Hinterberger (member union ASKÖ) was re-elected with an overwhelming majority of 100% and starts into his next period as EFPM President. CSIT Vice President Anu Rajajärvi and General Secretary Wolfgang Burghardt participated at the General Assembly and congratulated Christian Hinterberger in the name of CSIT.

Bruno Molea’s first international official representation as CSIT President was the SportAccord International Federation Forum from November 9th to 11th in Lausanne – Switzerland. The focus of this forum was sports medicine, Anti-Doping and WADA.

Wolfgang BURGHARDT
CSIT General Secretary