Dear friends and colleagues in CSIT,

in order to introduce the CSIT Annual Report 2017, I would highlight that this was a year of great transition. In 2017 the V Edition of the WSG, that took place in Riga in June, under the leadership of LTSA President Andris Berzins and with the coordination of CSIT former president Harald Bauer, provided us another step forward. That was in fact a huge opportunity of development and involvement of our athletes from all over the world into CSIT family. Meanwhile, the city Riga was enriched for a week with the sportive spirit, international cultures and physical practice, thus demonstrating that WSG is a model of sport and health promotion and an economic driver for host territories too.

With the closing ceremony of the WSG2017 a new organizing committee (named TORTOC) started up immediately its activity, under the Leadership of UCEC President, Mr Jaume Domingo. Tortoc started from the beginning the commitment into the organisation of the next Edition of WSG, that will be held in Tortosa and Terre de l’Hebre (July 2019 in the Region of Catalonia – Spain). Tortosa and Terre de l’Hebre showed to be well prepared to increase the high quality of the event. Everyone is looking forward to our major sport in 2019!

2017 was the year enriched by the expertise, investment and revenues of the WSG2017 and the development of some key-concepts for the further growth of our WSG Brand as CSIT core business, in line with the vision I presented you at the 39th Congress in 2017 (Eilat, Israel). I thank for the work of Tortoc, which had to face immediately many challenges in order to warrant a step forward of the quality of our major multi-sport event.

In 2017 one of our main effort was to enlarge our engagement with new cooperation partners so to develop the visibility at international level of CSIT as a platform where international federations can stage their championships or festivals. Another commitment we have been working on is the involvement of sport organisations dealing with people with disability so to start up a Department of Para Sport in CSIT. All steps forward toward the permanent growth of our core business.

My special thanks and appreciation goes to our Member Union Hapoel that, under the leadership of its President, Yoram Arnestein, hosted our Congress in Eilat in October 2017. My gratitude for the warm and efficient welcoming and management of the stay addressed to all our delegates.

Finally, I would like to highlight the need of increasing the visibility of our organisation at international level, through WSG as a worldwide Brand. Thus, because of the expertise we can provide to all athletes and families, who would like to experience a week of sport, friendship and tourism, and to host cities, too, which can see our Brand as an economic and cultural driver for their territories.

Cordial thanks to the Austrian Sports Ministry and IOC for permanent financial support.

Kind Regards,

Bruno MOLEA
President
The Executive Committee Meetings 2017

The first meeting took place in Tel Aviv / Israel and was organized by the Cypriote member union PASEK from March 1st – 5th. The principal points of this meeting were the evaluation and analysis of the registration status and the RIGOC (Riga Organizing Committee) report of the preparation status of the 5th CSIT World Sports Games 2017 in Riga / Latvia [WSG], which took place from June 13th – 18th. The President of the Cyprus Sport Organization, Kleanthis Georgiades, and Panagiotis Panteli, the representative of the Ministry of Education & Sport, officially welcomed CSIT and its representatives in their headquarters. Important at this meeting was also the awarding of the WSG 2019 to the city of Tortosa and host union UCEC Unió de Consells Esportius de Catalunya (Spain).

Within the framework of the 5th CSIT World Sports Games the second Executive Committee meeting of this year took place in Riga on June 16th. Characterized was this meeting by the interim analysis of the current WSG. Furthermore next steps of the 6th edition of the WSG 2019 in Tortosa / Spain have been discussed and initiated in cooperation with the Tortosa organizing committee TORTOC. The host contract of the WSG 2019 has been signed solemnly with political and sports leaders of Catalonia / Spain as well as member union host UCEC – Unió de Consells Esportius de Catalunya.

The third meeting was organized in Eilat on October 24th just prior to the Congress. Characterized was this meeting by the final WSG 2017 reporting of RIGOC and the financial closing to the satisfaction of the Latvian host as well as the CSIT. Furthermore President Molea made a resume of the first year of his presidency, with the explanation of his vision about CSIT’s development and future. President Molea is signing a cooperation agreement with POSA President Davide Lacagnina (Pole Sport Worlds & Pole Art Worlds Federation) and IPPA President Carlo Farioli / General Secretary Andrea Cozzi (International Pitch & Putt Association) under applause of all persons present.
5th CSIT World Sports Games 2017 (WSG)

From a sportive point of view the highlight of the year 2017 were the CSIT WSG in Riga / Latvia. Around 5,000 participants in 15 official CSIT sports as well as 10 new and demonstrative sports disciplines lived the "Spirit of CSIT" at this beautiful Baltic capital from June 7th – 14th.

Extensive reports and analysis by LTSA President Andris Berzins (head of Riga Organizing Committee – RIGOC) as well as the Working Group "CSIT World Sports Games" were finally made; not only results were discussed, but also improvements of this CSIT major event for the future.

Especially in terms of media activities like social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube), in order to allow people from all over the world to follow this major event in time, these games edition was extraordinary and can be considered as progress.

/ FAIR PLAY /

The implementation of the Green Card into the Games in close cooperation with EFPM (European Fair Play Movement) was an important step and a perfect opportunity to emphasise the values of Fair Play competitions, respect, friendship, team spirit, equality and respect for written and unwritten rules such as integrity, solidarity, tolerance, care, excellence and joy. Several athletes were awarded for Fair Play: Varda Mirkin from the Israeli Mamanet team, the Austrian judoka Andreas Mruk and the Brazilian Table Tennis team.

Due to unfair and politically incorrect behaviour against HAPOEL and Israeli people the CSIT leadership continued to execute its zero tolerance policy and excluded specific teams of a present delegation from the WSG. In reference to future championships and Games, CSIT will proceed to pursue this zero tolerance policy!
Overall in respect of fair-play these games in Riga were exemplarily; also all Doping Tests – conducted by WADA – were negative.

/ CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES /

CSIT, host LTSA and the participants were very satisfied with the work of the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic (FICS). 18 FICS specialists were providing their services to the participants during the 5th CSIT World Sports Games in Riga. It was the second time that FICS teams were working in the CSIT World Sports Games. FICS specialists are professionals and they were able to provide necessary assistance and find individual treatment option for every athlete.

/ YOUNG LEADERS AND GHETTO GAMES /

CSIT Vice President and head of the Young Leaders department, Anu Rajajärvi brought a new idea to the organisation, Ghetto Games. The system of Ghetto Games was invented in the Latvian capital Riga. A meeting of the Young Leaders has been organized in a district of Riga, which was a ghetto with drugs, alcohol and crime until 2003. This slummy place has turned into a flourishing area for young people who can do all kinds of modern sports: street-basketball, skateboard, stunt-riding, arm-wrestling, dancing, rugby, pancration etc. The CSIT group, which also did some warm-up and sports with kids from Riga after a presentation, was a mix of different countries as Finland, Austria, Estonia and Italy.
The special activities for seniors during the Games were various: Walking Soccer, Krolf, Percugym, BodyArt and more. The participants enjoyed lots of exercising in Uzvaras Park and Arkadija Garden.

Several WSG partner championships took place, like WOF World O-Sport Cup 2017, First World Nordic Walking World Cup, Street Workout World Cup 2017 had success in Jurmala with lots of spectators, Bowling and Darts Championships. Tug of War Championship, Latvian Open Crossminton and YOU.FO tournaments were all events of the big championship sports programme of the WSG 2017. Morning exercise (Wake up Riga) was especially popular among WSG 2017 participants and locals. It was also possible to enjoy such demonstrative sports as Spikeball, Darni, Slackline, Disc-Golf or Table Football.

These CSIT World Sports Games in Riga were the first in history during which a Mamanet World Record attempt took place with 100 teams playing simultaneously on 50 courts in Lucavsala. The record was devoted to the centenary of Latvia. “Every mother can!” is the motto of Mamanet. The main goal is to involve thousands of mothers around the world in the Mamanet movement, to give them the opportunity to become role models for sports and healthy lifestyle for their families. In Riga Mamanet was included for the first time in the Official Championship programme of the CSIT. The majority of participating teams were from Israel, others came from Latvia, Mexico, Austria, Cyprus and Italy.

During the WSG also elections of the Technical Commissions has been conducted. The new members were elected for a 4 year-term and finally approved by the Congress. But there are still vacant positions in Basketball, Table Tennis and Football.

Finally special gratitude is owed to following important Latvian personalities, which are representative for all highly valued persons involved: Raimonds Vejonis [President of Latvia], Aldons Vrublevskis, the chairman of the Latvian Olympic Committee, Karlis Sadurskis [Minister of Science, Education and Sports], the Vice Major of the City of Riga, Andris Ameriks, the General Secretary of the National Olympic Committee, Zorzs Tikmers and the LTSA President Andris Berzins. The fair play oath was spoken by Kaspars Gorkss, captain of the Latvian Football National Team and Gunti Zalitis, WSG 2017 Sports Director.
The highlight of the administrative year was the 39th Congress on October 27th in the C-Hotel in Eilat at the Israeli Red Sea.

/ MEETING WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF EILAT /

The Congress in Eilat was organized by CSIT member organisation Hapoel Israel and opened with welcome words of Hapoel President Prosper Ben Hamo. General Manager Yoram Arnstein, Avi Sagi and their Team did an excellent job. Before the Congress President Bruno Molea and the CSIT ExCom were invited to the Eilat Town Hall for a meeting with deputy Mayor Mr Eli Lankri and had a fruitful discussion about future co-operations and new opportunities through sport as a key-driver for economic development of cities.

/ RESUME OF THE NEW PRESIDENT AFTER 1 YEAR OF HIS PRESIDENCY /

It was the first CSIT-Congress with Bruno Molea as President of the organisation after he took over from the Austrian Harald Bauer in 2016. In his opening speech the Italian member of parliament stated after one year of his presidency his vision and future ways of CSIT under his leadership: “Today, through sport, people compete and have fun, no matter of their age, religion, political party or origin. Sport represents a relevant tool to make people experience that we are all citizens of the world. This is the great value of sport. CSIT is a great organisation with a huge number of memberships and a huge number of people participating at our sports events. If we believe all that, we should absolutely think about an up-to-date model of the CSIT, capable to interact with all: young people, adults and seniors, no matter of their origin, religion, politics and economic situation, physical and intellecitive kind of ability.”

/ VISION, STRATEGY AND PROFESSIONALISM – THIS IS THE FORMULA /

Bruno Molea further stated that he had many fruitful discussions with the ExCom, the General Secretary and the Sports Director. Together it has been agreed that CSIT has the need let in new sports, and mainly sports with a popular value: “Our confederation needs to be flexible, smart and modern so to have an appeal for new generations. It is a need to share a clear, strict and common vision of CSIT and to share the effective
strategies. Without a definitive vision and qualified managers there are no effective strategies. Our goal is to capitalise the expertise of the oldest members and to promote the exchange towards the new CSIT generations. In this way we guarantee the continuity and the high quality of work. We have the great honour of running a confederation, which is more than 100 years old, so we have also the responsibility to guarantee the life of CSIT for at least the next 100 years.

/ AFTER THE CSIT WORLD SPORTS GAMES IS BEFORE THE NEXT EDITION /

Main topics of the Congress were on one side a replica and resume to and of the CSIT World Sports Games 2017 in Riga (Latvia), and on the other side a preview to the upcoming WSG in June 2019 in Tortosa (Catalunya in Spain).

For the CSIT World Sports Games 2019 several organisations from Finland, Israel, and Spain showed interest, but finally member union UCEC Unió de Consells Esportius de Catalunya (Spain) was awarded to host the next edition of this major event. The new Tortosa Organizing Committee made a presentation at the Congress. These will be also the first games, where CSIT offers programs for disabled people.

/ NEW COOPERATION PARTNERS /

President Molea introduced two new partners of CSIT, where a cooperation agreement has been signed in the Executive Committee Meeting in Eilat recently before the Congress; He introduced POSA President Davide Lacagnina (Pole Sports & Arts World Federation) and IPPA President Carlo Farioli / General Secretary Andrea Cozzi (International Pitch and Putt Association).
The Congress decided to incorporate applicant organisation "FederSwiss – Sports for All" and confers the status "CSIT Candidate Member".

As President Molea undertlined, the affiliation of this para-sports organisation means a new era of CSIT. Further membership applications will follow from this sports sector and finally a Technical Commission Para-Sport should be constituted. The integration of sports activities of disabled athletes in CSIT as well as a cautious convergence of both worlds is aimed and shows that the CSIT movement is a lot more than a sports organisation.

The Congress decided unanimously to exclude FTMS (Morocco), Rossiya, GDSA (United Arab Emirates), UISP (Italy), ALSO/OSTA (Africa) due to non-fulfillment of financial obligations, non-communication, non-contribution as well as non-commitment after several times of warning by CSIT.

For the future the Congress has decided to change the statutes insofar, that after three years warning member unions of CSIT will be excluded automatically and the Executive Committee is obliged to consider further legal actions.

CSIT Congresses will take place every year in calendar week 43. All delegates have been informed that the next Congress will be held in the city of Tortosa and Catalan Region Terres de l’Ebre / Spain from October 22th – 28th, 2018 with the goal that all Technical Sports Commission members, all External WSG Partners as well as official delegates can get an impression of the WSG 2019 host city / region, its sports-venues and hotels.
External Relations & Representations

/ SPORTACCORD CONVENTION 2017 /

Vice President Palle Thomsen and General Secretary Wolfgang Burghardt attended this world’s premier and most exclusive annual event at the service of sport in Aarhus / Denmark from April 3rd – 8th, where more than 1.600 key decision-makers as Presidents and General Secretaries of the global sport were present.

Both CSIT leaders joined a presentation of the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020 and had fruitful meetings with several cooperation partners as FICS -International Federation of Sports Chiropractic or the government of Catalonia. Promising and interesting talks were held with IFBB President Rafael Santoja, IWGA President José Perurena López, Special Olympics and FISAC representatives or IFA President Karl Weiß and General Secretary Jörn Verleger.

/ ENGSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY /

EU-Project Chief Coordinator and head of President’s Office Valeria Gherardini attended the ENGSO General Assembly from June 9th – 10th in Paris / France. ENGSO / the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation is one of the most important key-players in terms of sport at the European Union in Brussels.

/ CRANS MONTANA FORUM 2018 /

President Molea was invited to hold a speech on the topic of “Peace in the Mediterranean and its surroundings” and “Youth, a new way to secure peace”. The 28th annual session has been taking place in Barcelona, close to Tortosa, the host city of the WSG 2019. It was a big honour for CSIT and Bruno Molea to be invited to the exclusive Crans Montana Forum, which is an extraordinary platform for building a humane and impartial world and to encourage international cooperation and overall growth.

/ SPORTACCORD IF – FORUM 2018 AND IOC PRESIDENT BACH /

CSIT President Bruno Molea attended the SportAccord International Federation Forum from November 8th – 10th in Lausanne / Switzerland. At this platform he had the possibility to meet and talk to IOC President Thomas Bach. President Molea was also invited to the historical signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the IOC, the International Olympic Committee, and GAISF, the Global Association of International Sports Federations within the frame of this Forum.

/ SPORT MOVIES & TV 2017 – FESTIVAL OF FICTS /

President Molea signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the CSIT and FICTS – Federation Internationale Cinema Television Sportifs at the Sport Movies Festival from November 15th – 20th in Milano (Italy). FICTS has members in 116 countries, is chaired by Prof. Franco Ascani, Member of IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission and is the only Federation of the field recognized by the International Olympic Committee for which it promotes the values of sport through footages.

/ CSIT LOSES TWO FELLOWS /

Hannes Bammer, honorary President of CSIT member union ASKÖ, died on 14th of January 2017 at the age of 95. Our Austrian friend had a long and very successful life working for many big official and political organisations. Bammer was a highly decorated Austrian sports official and visionary who played a key role in shaping CSIT’s international movement, especially in the 1970s and 1980s. He was a big supporter of ASKÖ and its big international family of CSIT. Hannes Bammer has worked for the ASKÖ board of directors since 1949, including more than 30 years as president. He has been awarded the Golden Medal of Honour of the Republic of Austria, the Golden Cross
of Honour with the Star of the Province of Styria, the Gold Medal of Honour of the City of Graz, the Gold Ring of the ASKÖ, Honorary ring bearer of the ASKÖ Styria, honorary ring bearer of the Landessportorganisation Steiermark as well as bearer of many further honorary honours on federal and state level for his services to the sport.

DAI Vice-President and former chairman of the Technical Commission Football Jens Jørgen Nygaard died only 68 years old. Sport has for many years played an important role in the life of Jens Jørgen. In 2002 he was elected in the board of DAI. He found great interest in DAI’s many sporting activities – from training offerings to weak elderly to international championships. From 2006 till 2015 he chaired the CSIT TC Football. Beside his volunteer work for DAI and CSIT he was deeply involved in policy and from 1998 to 2006 he was mayor in his local municipality and in a short period also member of the Danish Parliament.

Wolfgang BURGHARDT
CSIT General Secretary