Sirpa Paatero’s report of activities

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The International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG) was established in 1994 at the first World Conference on Women and Sport held in Brighton. IWG is an independent coordinating body consisting of representatives of key government and non-government organizations from different regions of the world. The vision of the IWG is a sustainable sporting culture that enables and values the full involvement of women in every aspect of sport. The mission is to be a catalyst for the advancement and empowerment of women and sport globally.
CSIT Wrestling in Finland

• TUL organized wrestling competitions in our sport academy Kisakeskus in the July. There were participants from Rossiya, Askö, Jöud, Hapoel and TUL. There were 55 competitors and our youngsters, so all together was 138. The first time there was also beach wrestling competition, what get good feedback.
EU project apply 1)

- We prepared to apply EU project in preparation action: European partnerships on sport. The possibility to apply open in the June and it closed in July. Different themes were 1) The fight against match-fixing, 2) The promotion of physical activity supporting active ageing, 3) Awareness-raising about effective ways of promoting sport at municipal level, 4) Trans-frontier joint grassroots sport competitions in neighboring regions and Member States. We decided to apply active ageing project.

- 1. THE THEME AND THE PROJECT IDEA: The project proposal would be focused on transnational practices with the objective to promote physical activities as a strategy to promote active ageing. It would be a project in which through a general coordination all State members Associations would carry on actions to pursuing this objective. Plus, in order to warranty the exchange of best practices (as required by the Eu Commission) these trans-national partners would put under evaluation (following indicators coming from a methodology of effectiveness) their practices and it would be organize a international final meeting (conference) to present/discuss the results of the project.
EU project apply 2)

- **2. PARTNERS:** partners from at least five (5) EU Member States;
- **3. BUDGET:** 4 – 6 projects will be accepted considering a total Indicative amount: € 1 million/
- **4. CO-FINANCING:** The financial contribution from the Commission cannot exceed 60% of the total eligible costs/ A minimum of 20% of the total eligible costs of the action must be provided by PRIVATE third-party (no public entity) – for the last point: we must find out a private partner co-financing each single partner to get a distribution of the stated 20%.
- **5. since over 100.000 Euro of co-finance from the European Commission**
- **In summer it’s difficult to work, since other people are on holiday. For the first time CSIT was the leader, but we got only 3 organizations to participate AICS, ASKÖ, TUL and it would be 5. So we couldn't send the application.**
Co-operation with Socialist International

• I had a discussion with SI’s vice president Heinäluoma about strengthening the co-operation between SI and CSIT. According to mr. Heinäluoma, SI saws a great importance in partnership with CSIT and they’re going to make a discussion about it in their next presidium on 23th of sep. I think that there’s a need for a better awareness about each other’s activities.

• I hope that we in CSIT could make a plan how develop our partnership. I’d like to think that there are to maxims, and we should decide between these two lines or something between them. One is a light co-operation declaration. The other is a strong union agreement where CSIT is part of SI- family, if that’s possible.

• I would imagine, that we’re ready to sing the agreement/declaration when CSIT turns its 100th birthday.