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LA FIEP EN LATINOAMERICA

El Profesor Otañez explica que las organizaciones relacionadas con la Educación Física en Latinoamérica tienen su inicio con la FIEP en 1923: en 1949, la Asociación Internacional de Educación Física; en 1952, la ICHPER – organización para la Salud, la Educación Física, el Deporte y la Danza y en 1958, la AIESEP – Asociación Internacional de Escuelas Superiores de Educación Física.

Hace una explanación sobre el origen y desarrollo de la FIEP en Latinoamérica y su estado actual en este continente.

Concluye alabando la posición de Brasil como líder del movimiento, en Latinoamérica, secundado por Argentina, México y Paraguay.

LA FIEP EN AMERIQUE LATINE

M. le Professeur Otañez explique que les organisations se rapportant à l'Éducation Physique en Amérique Latine sont nées à travers la FIEP en 1923: en 1949, l'Association Internationale d'Éducation Physique; en 1952, la ICHPER – organisation pour la Santé, l'Éducation Physique le Sport et la Danse et en 1958, l'AIESEP – Association Internationale des Écoles Supérieures d'Éducation Physique.

M. le Professeur Otañez explique l'origine et le développement de la FIEP en Amérique Latine et son état actuel dans ce continent.

Il fait sa conclusion en montrant la situation du Brésil comme lider du mouvement, suivi de l'Argentine, du Méxique et du Paraguay.

A FIEP NA AMERICA LATINA

O Professor Otañez explica que as organizações relacionadas à Educação Física na América Latina tiveram seu início com a FIEP em 1923; em 1949, a Associação Internacional de Educação Física em 1952, a ICHPER – organização para a Saúde, Educação Física, Esportes e Dança, e em 1958, a AIESEP – Association Internationale d'Éducation Physique.

Apresenta uma explicação sobre a origem e desenvolvimento da FIEP na América Latina e sobre sua situação atual neste continente.

Conclui assinalando a posição do Brasil como país líder do movimento FIEP na América Latina, seguido pela Argentina, México e Paraguai.

FIEP IN LATIN AMERICA

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INTRODUCTION

I met Pierre Seurin in the year of 1981, when he came to Buenos Aires for an International Congress. That was the first time I heard about FIEP and, on the same occasion, I had the pleasure to meet Professors Enrique Romero Brest, Antonio Alcazar, Ramón Muros and Mario López, who were members of this organization. But only in 1983 did I have the opportunity to learn much more about FIEP's activities from Professor Jacintho Francisco Targa, from the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre. That was when I met FIEP World President at the time, Professor John Andrews, from England, and Professor Almir Gruhn, FIEP's General Secretary now, a very good friend of mine since then.

Among organizations linked to Physical Education, FIEP was created in 1923, one of the pioneer associations of its kind. The International Association of Physical Education was created in 1949, Sports and Women was founded in the same year, and ICHPER was organized later, in 1952, for the benefit of health, Physical Education, Sports and Dance. The International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education (AIESEP) was organized in 1958, and in the same year, there emerged the International Association for Sports, Science and Physical Education.

Several topics in Sports Science are closely related to other associations. Some of these themes are: physical conditions, recreation, communication media, tourism, premises and equipment, rehabilitation, developing countries, sports for women, physical education and compared sports, as well as the activities related to the treatment of documents and information, journal publication, fair play etc.

LATIN AMERICA

America is a huge continent, and for geographical and political reasons, it is divided in several regions: North America, Central America and Caribbean. Arnaldo Rivero Fuxa — from Habana, Cuba — is FIEP delegate for Central America and Caribbean region and his administration includes the supervision of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama.

NORTH AMERICA

Mexico. Physical Education started in this country in 1957. Its main supporter was Professor Adolfo Pérez Acosta, who was born in 1929 and died in 1995. He had an extraordinary personality, and was in charge of FIEP from 1967 to 1981. His closest collaborator was young Professor Manuel Guerrero Zainos, who replaced Professor Acosta since 1972 and was later named FIEP General Delegate for Mexico, in 1981. Among some of his actions, that delegation has kept close contact with many countries, especially those in South America.

Former FEIP delegates: Adolfo Pérez Acosta, Víctor M. Aceves, Diego Chicati Montero, Heriberto Espadas Rodríguez, González García Velasco, Federico Vidales Aguirre, Víctor M. Aceves O, Cesar Moreno Bravo, Aguirre, Ramos Izquierdo Hernández, Bertin Aguilar Pérez, Alberto Najera Hernández, Gilberto Mata Reyes, Benjamín Bautista Manzo, Hernández, Gilberto Reyes Mata etc.

This delegation keeps close contact with every country and it holds an International Physical Education meeting every year in November. It also publishes a Journal similar to FIEP original Bulletin, but it is written in Spanish.

The current General Delegate is Professor Manuel Guerrero Zainos, who has been developing fruitful work for the benefit of Physical Education in his country.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Arnaldo Rivera Fuxa is FIEP's Vice-President for Central America and Caribbean. FIEP started in this area due to the action of Chilean colleagues, who gained prestige in Physical Education in this part of the world in the 1950's.

Guatemala: Former FIEP delegates were: Mara Verónica Pereira Zúñiga Leal, Maria Teresa Rizzo. Currently, Professor Carlos Aguilar is the General Delegate, and the Members of FIEP National Committee are: Claudio Solis Cortés. CNFG President, sociologist and full professor at ECTAFIDE; Professor Mario Williams, Vice-president; Professor Manuel Farfán, general coordinator of school sports at the Physical Education General Department, which is part of the National Education Ministry; Professor Luis Fredy García, Treasurer; Professor Emilio Cabrera, First Secretary; Carlos Aguilar, Second Secretary and Delegate.

Honduras: very little is known about this country. Many years ago I met General Delegate Maria Leticia Castro Rivera; currently a new general delegate is about to be nominated.

El Salvador: at the very beginnings of FIEP's actions, the names in that country were Prof. Fernando Balar de Galardón and José A. Colocho. At the moment, the National Delegate there is Héctor V. Moran, and his collaborator is José Lorenzo Marroquin.

Costa Rica: The General Delegate in that country is Professor Rodrigo Pacheco López. Information about this country is not available.

Nicaragua: Little information about Physical Education in that country is available. The General Delegate there is now Professor Fernando M. Valardo Aragon.

Panama: FIEP's action in this country is very poor. Delegates were Elizondo Tejada Flores and Oscar Rendol Gómez.

El Salvador: Professor Héctor V. Moran

EL CARIBE

The Caribbean Region is made up of different islands, but FIEP is present in Spanish-speaking countries: Cuba, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. FIEP's action in those countries is poor.

Cuba: The history of Physical Education in this country dates back to the year of 1959. FIEP's first delegate there was Dr. Julio Fernández Corugedo, who started working for Physical Education there in 1959. Among his closest collaborators was Professor Arnaldo Rivera Fuxa, in charge of FIEP's accomplishments for Physical Education in that country in 1963. After Dr. Julio Corugedo's death, Alfredo Estévez occupied the delegate position. His deputy Delegate was Arnaldo Rivero Fuxa, who has been the National Delegate since 1983. Cuba's former and current FIEP Delegates: Héctor Martines Viera, Feliz Moya Vázquez, Alfredo Estévez, Arnaldo Rivero Fuxa.

Dominican Republic: FIEP Delegate and Physical Education mentor was Ortiz Zelada; however, a Commission was created last year under the responsibility of Ermeregilda Florián and other professionals. Former and current delegates: Rafael M. Ortiz Celada, Cesar A. Padrón.

Puerto Rico: Professor Velásquez Álvarez represents FIEP in Puerto Rico. FIEP's action there is not known.

SOUTH AMERICA

It is out of question that Brazil and Argentina are the pioneer countries in the work developed by FIEP in the latest decades in South America.

FIEP Vice-Presidents for South America:
1969-1980 - Jair Jordão Ramos- São Paulo / Brazil
1980-1991 - Jacintho Francisco Targa - Porto Alegre / Brazil
1992-1999 - Dr. Manoel José Gomes Tubino - Rio de Janeiro / Brazil
2000 to the present - Dr. Jorge Diaz Otañez - Córdoba – Argentina

FIEP's Vice-President for this region is Professor Jorge Diaz Otañez, whose jurisdiction includes: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. There is a General Delegate for each of these countries.

South Cone's Latin American Committee: The South Cone's Latin American Committee for FIEP was approved in FIEP's General Assembly in Brussels. It is constituted by: President Professor Jacintho Targa; Secretary: Professor Jorge Díaz Otañez; School Commission: Professor Francisco Camargo Neto; Secretary: Professor Ricardo Petersen; Scientific Commission: Professor Benno Becker; Secretary: Professor Jesús Soares; Sports for All Commission: Professor Juan Carlos Cutrera; Secretary Floriano Monteiro and Legal Assistant, Professor Lourival Bechauser.

Argentina: Several Argentines were at the Lingiade in Stockholm, Sweden in 1949. Among them was Professor Enrique Carlos Romero Brest (1902-1985), who gave Argentina international projection during Major Thulin's Presidency.

There were 1800 people at the opening ceremony of the Lingiade Congress at the "Concert Hall" in Stockholm in 1949. Participants from 60 countries watched gymnastics shows and demonstrations. On that occasion, Professor Enrique Carlos Romero Brest was named FIEP's General Delegate for Argentina as of 1950.

FIEP's former and current delegates: Enrique Romero Brest. Antonio Alcázar and Mari López, Ramón Muros, Néstor Fernández, Guillermo Leal, Juan Carlos Cutrera. At the moment, the Delegate is Professor Jorge Díaz Otañez.

Bolivia: FIEP's Delegate was Professor Emilio Sotomayor Ledesma since 1974, and Professor Guido Terrufino succeeded him. Later on, José Núñez Ruiz, Laura Chiri Avalos, Arnulfo Lino Guzmán occupied the position and the current Delegate is Professor Edgar Zevallos Burgoa, who has spread FIEP's action throughout Bolivia. I have often seen him with groups of students and teachers from his country at events held in Brazil, Paraguay and, particularly, in Argentina.

Brazil: Undoubtedly the most prestigious and relevant country for aspects related to FIEP. Its promotion level is extremely high, and it can be said that FIEP has conquered new positions thanks to FIEP International Congresses organized by Professor Almir Gruhn. This fact supported Professor Manoel José Gomes Tubino's election as FIEP World President in the year 2000.

Several Brazilians attended the Swedish Lingiade in Stockholm in 1949, sponsored by FIEP during Major Thulin's administration. One year later Major Thulin visited Brazil and took the opportunity to name some of the professors who had created

conditions to FIEP's action as FIEP Delegates. Among them were: Professors Alfredo Colombo, Silvio Raso, Antonio Boaventura da Silva, Jacintho Francisco Targa, General Amaro Da Silveira and Professor Héctor Almeida Dutra.

Former FIEP Delegates: Jair Jordão Ramos, Aloyr Queiros de Araujo, Silvio Raso, Guilherme Pinto Nery. Olavo Amra de Silveira, A. Queiroz de Araujo, Manoel José Gomes Tubino, Antonio Boaventura da Silva, Jacintho Targa, Herbert de Almeida Dutra and currently, Professor Almir Adolfo Gruhn.

Colombia: We know that Professor Alberto Gómez Moreno was the first National Delegate. He developed great work in school and university environment in his country. After his demise in an accident, Professor Héctor Peralta Berbesi, who had been working for FIEP for many years in his country, occupied the position. Other former FIEP delegates were Bárbara Ann Giles, Víctor Jairo Chinchilla, Jesús Raúl Bautista Sánchez, and Ana Lusia Chaparro Galán. At the moment, Professor Luis Felipe Contecha is FIEP General Delegate.

Chile: The Physical Education History is very rich in this country. Its first mentor was Professor Luis Bisquertt Zusarte, and Milton Cofré, who succeeded him, worked for FIEP for many years, having made remarkable advancements with writings and divulgation of 1971's FIEP Manifesto. Other FIEP's former delegates were: Raúl Santana, Bernardo Oliva Azua; Adela Díaz, Carlos Obregón and the current National Delegate is Professor Carlos Salazar Contreras.

Ecuador: Probably in 1976, maybe earlier (historical data unavailable), Professor Jorge Cerdá Vivas starts FIEP's action in Quito. Professor Sergio Paredes follows him in 1984, and his successors were Jorge Zurita, Franklin Gómez Jurado and Moreano Saraski and Ashebir Lakewy. Professor Alfredo River has been the Delegate since 1984. He is a great developer of Physical Education in this country, having coordinated FIEP's action to collaborate with municipality, state and public authorities.

Paraguay: The History of Physical Education in this country starts with Professor Ignacio Elizeche (unattested information). Nicolás Figuerido R. and Professor Patricio Zelada Silva succeed him as national delegates and later on Jorge Acosta occupied the position. FIEP World Congress took place in Paraguay during his work for FIEP in his country. Later on other people participate in the History of FIEP in Paraguay.

FIEP'S World Congress in Asuncion, Paraguay took place in 1994 – FIEP's National Delegate for Paraguay, Professor Jorge Acosta González, is responsible for the organization of this successful event that gathered 1100 participants from different countries in the world. FIEP's General Assembly was held during that Congress, and the President of the Paraguayan Republic was present in the opening ceremony.

The current National Delegate is Professor Amilcar Colman, who always organizes a National Congress in the month of September. He also participates actively in the Foz do Iguaçu Congress, in Brazil, in January with the presence of groups of students and teachers. The same happens in Córdoba, in Argentina, in the month of July.

Peru: There have been several professionals dedicated to Physical Education in this country. Among them, one of the most relevant to the History of the country was Professor Alberto Caja, who has had remarkable action in the publication of several books related to Physical Education. He was an international presenter in several FIEP worldwide events. His successors were Professor Jáuregui Bonano, Jose Rivas Mongrut, and later Professor Elena Kofcat, Camilo Merma. Currently, Professor Guido Flores is the National Delegate.

Uruguay: The History of Physical Education in this country is also very rich. One of the first professionals in charge of FIEP is Professor Alberto Langlade. His successors were Alberto Trigo, Néstor Ibarra Badín, Nelson Rocha, Marta Busch and Susana Chalar. The current National Delegate is Professor Raúl Lorda.

Venezuela: FIEP's History in this country started with the visits made by Chilean colleagues; among them are Nelly Gómez, who has had very active participation. Professor Humberto Baldayo, now a honourable member, succeeded him later. Professor Eddy Cabrera holds the National Delegate position now. He has named delegates in different states in Venezuela, and his work has been very fruitful in the nation as a whole.

CONCLUSION

Much can be done for the development of FIEP is Latin America, for e-mail communication and the use of Internet have cut distances and provided conditions for quick exchange of opinions. Historically, without any doubts, Brazil is the country in Latin America that has led FIEP's movement in the world, seconded by Argentina, Mexico and Paraguay. It is time the other countries in South America decide to accomplish actions for the benefit of Physical Education in their respective territories.