203 - THE INSTITUTE"CASA DA EDUCAÇÃO FÍSICA" AT THE SERVICE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF MINAS GERAIS AND ELSEWHERE IN BRAZIL

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The Conselho Regional de Educação Física (Physical Education Regional Council) in its 6th Region/Minas Gerais CREF6/MG is primarily in charge of the enforcement, regulation and inspection of acts performed in the name of Physical Education professionalism.

In the past anyone would rely on the Physical Education Professional Statutes to feel entitled to carry out any of the activities the profession has to offer. The focus is neither on the wrong attitude of some people nor on their love for the art, but on the usurpation of a status - no matter how well meant it might be - that can only be enjoyed by the individual who has painfully struggled in a university environment to conquer that title.

CONFEF/CREF's system has many missions, among which is the duty and the right to care for the quality of the occupations associated with Physical Education. This can be done by not allowing people who are not qualified to work in a scenario that must be characterized by a serious control.

In the state of Minas Gerais, though, it was soon detected that the structure supporting Physical Education was not adequately organized.

The CREF acting there was not prepared to attend the profession's needs. So, the Institute Casa da Educação Física was established there to do the corresponding job. They are similar structures, but their operational methods are rather different.

They have comparable origins. They are both formed and guided by the same people and they aim at dignifying the idea of Physical Education. Nevertheless, they operate in different ways. On the one hand, CREF's function is to act as a surveillance agency; on the other hand, the Casa da Educação Física is more oriented to play a dynamic role in activities designed to increase the knowledge of professionals in Minas Gerais and in the whole Brazilian territory.

Regulation and inspection match the growth of knowledge; thus the couple CREF6/MG and the Casa da Educação Física is a pioneer in implementing a new way to act in the sports world.

This is the spirit and the responsibility that have inspired the Casa da Educação Física to support numerous activities related to the improvement of professionals in Minas Gerais and in Brazil to levels that would otherwise hardily be attained.

Some of these examples are:

1. Publications:

We know that the improvement of knowledge associated with Physical Education grows really fast. We are increasingly aware that one day without study metaphorically corresponds to the onset of ignorance. The justification of an activity was true *yesterday*, but it is false *nowadays*; consequently, there emerges an ethical ideal made up of three words: studying, studying, studying.

The Casa da Educação Física is fully aware that, for several reasons, most Physical Education professionals do not have easy access to scientific of narrative news about the sports world and its environment. This is the reason why titanic efforts have been made to spread knowledge among as many people as possible.

It is also the Casa da Educação Física's aim to associate with great publishing projects and to affirm its presence beyond state frontiers, to conquer projection in the whole Brazilian territory and abroad.

So was the support given to the publication of the work by Doctor Lamartine Pereira da Costa, *Atlas do Esporte no Brasil*. It is an impressive work of international relevance. The Casa da Educação Física is proud to have been a partner in the publication of that oeuvre.

The world of Physical Education is not impersonal. There are some people who make inerasable marks, although they often remain anonymous or, even worse, their existence is not acknowledged.

This is the reason why the Casa da Educação Física has been making great efforts to publish small books - sometimes minuscule works - by people who have long been ethically committed to the profession.

There are the cases of the Doctors, better saying, Masters of the most respectable tradition in the area, Manoel José Gomes Tubino and Jorge Olímpio Bento, who have respectively published *Brasil: potência esportiva Pan-Americana* and *Do orgulho e da coragem de ser Professor*.

The history of sports ideas in Brazil and Portugal shall never be written without mentioning these names. Promoting them and reading their work is an ethical obligation. And our Casa da Educação Física has disinterestedly provided conditions to make those authors available to the professional community.

The Casa da Educação Física is also interested in divulging relevant matters, as it is the case of reflections on ethics. Two publications on this subject have already come out, namely, *A ética e a bioética na preparação e na intervenção do profissional de Educação Física*, organized by Doctors João Batista Tojal and Alberto Puga Barbosa, and *Temas (quase éticos) de Desporto*, a book born from the international cooperation between Rui Garcia and Kátia Lemos, a Counselor on the board of CREF6/MG.

2. Holding and supporting congresses

Promoting scientific and narrative knowledge about the world related to the great domain of Physical Education does not only cross books or publication of periodicals. It also involves direct conversation with great characters, in *flesh and bones*, people whose names we read on the covers of books that often take very long time to arrive in our hands.

Many of these people have been brought to Minas Gerais by the Casa da Educação Física. Among them, it is fair to mention one, Doctor Manuel Ferreira Patrício, Rector at the University of Évora on the occasion. He is doubtlessly one of the most knowledgeable persons in Brazil's brother country on the other side of the ocean.

The Congress organized in 2005 certainly gathered some of the greatest thinkers of Physical Education, who, not only gave lectures, but also socialized their knowledge among the people around them.

At last, it is worth remarking that the Casa da Educação Física has its own regulations regarding the support to congresses. Its universe is not limited to those (almost) corporative actions. It includes congresses or similar activities of other professional areas which have interfaces with our field. It is not the only institution to act this way, but its behavior is uncommon in the Physical Education academic universe.

3. Support to the scientific promotion of Professionals from the state of Minas Gerais and from other states in Brazil

The Casa da Educação Física does not intend to replace any public or private entity as to what investigation is concerned. This is not our vocation and we do not claim any legitimacy to do so.

However, the Casa da Educação Física is fully aware that organisms designed to support research have often failed and have not been able to carry out their mission. So, within the limits of its range of action, the Casa da Educação Física has contributed to carry on research work in Physical Education by supporting some punctual actions.

It is well known that some government university institutions have signed cooperation protocols with foreign universities, especially with the University of Porto.

Scientific cooperation has resulted from these agreements, which can be translated in academic advisory for doctorate theses that have highlighted the quality of our professionals and the level of Physical Education knowledge in Minas Gerais. Our support has been to bring to us the professionals who can accompany these theses, thus making it easier to establish direct contacts with the graduate students and contributing to the success of the research work.

4. Other activities

Every organization has its top characters. They are the people who represent their age. Physical Education in the Brazilian State of Minas Gerais also has its unforgettable names. This is the reason why the Casa da Educação Física has created a premium, full of symbolism and memories, the Paulo Roberto Bassolli Prize. The prize - an homage to Paulo Roberto Bassolli - aims at honoring people whose memory cannot be obliterated by time.

People like Doctor Sílvio Raso, who made immense contributions to Physical Education in Minas Gerais and in Brazil have to last forever. The Casa da Educação Física understands that pay homage to them during their lives is to prevent them from dying.

We often and say, perhaps it sounds too little to some, too much to others, but it seems to us that the experience of an institution oriented to the enforcement and regulation of professional exercises, in this case, Physical Education profession, CREF6/MG - to act in a joint effort with an organization that intends to be a scientific development agency - the Casa da Educação Física Institute has special meaning.

If we mention ethics, we have to prospect knowledge, if we think about that which is best, we should perhaps implement the tools to attain it; if we talk about competence and correct behavior, we should be able to measure it.

We ought to search Bartolo's lessons, at the birth of Bologne University, through the conciliators, also known as interpreters because that was the place where the letters of wisdom and folk's knowledge were brought. That is the point where lies the great challenge to the counselors and professional institutions.

Home is the place where the matter-cell of the family is.

We still believe that we can and we have to move toward that which we deem to be a good solution. If it is not ideal, it is the best possible solution.

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O INSTITUTO CASA DA EDUCAÇÃO FÍSICA AO SERVIÇO DA EDUCAÇÃO FÍSICA DAS MINAS GERAIS E DAS TERRAS BRASIS.

Resumo:

O CREF6/MG tem uma função de exação, regulação e de fiscalização dos atos do exercício profissional da Educação Física, e, malgrada a sua enorme importância, não podia responder a todas necessidades, pelo que, à sua sombra, criou-se o Instituto Casa da Educação Física.

A Casa da Educação Física tem apoiado um sem-número de atividades ligadas à ascensão dos profissionais Mineiros e Brasileiros a patamares que de outra forma dificilmente seriam atingidos.

Destacamos o apoio a publicações científicas; financiamento de despesas para a presença de ilustrados nomes internacionais da Educação Física e do Desporto em Minas Gerais; o Prêmio Paulo Roberto Bassoli; e a realização de Congresso Internacional.

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Abstract:

CREF6/MG is primarily in charge of the enforcement, regulation and inspection of acts performed in the exercise of Physical Education, and no matter its great importance, it was not able to attend every professionals' need, so Casa da Educação Física Institute was created at its shadow.

The Casa da Educação Física has supported numerous activities related to the improvement of professionals in Minas Gerais and in Brazil to levels that would otherwise hardily be attained.

We highlight the support to scientific publications, the financing expenses to have the presence of international names in Physical Education and Sports in Minas Gerais; the Paulo Roberto Bassolli Prize and the holding up of International Congresses.