

## 2013

### 2013-12-09

A full colour and B/W copy of the brochure for the 2014 Europiade is now available here. *Full colour* (1.14 mb) / *Black and White only* (1.13 mb)

### 2013-12-02

To date, no IVV member has yet applied for the 2016 IVV Congress nor the 2017 IVV Olympiad.

### 2013.12

As announced previously, the IVV World Calendar of Events will no longer be published in hard copy as of the end this year. For 2014, walks information will be available in text form from the IVV website. Countries that have so far submitted their texts for publication, in whole or in part: Andorra, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Hungary, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Slovakia, Switzerland / Liechtenstein, Taiwan. Texts may yet still be received and approved by other IVV members. A new button will soon appear on the IVV website Home Page menu.

### 2013.11

Serbia has been admitted as a Direct Member of the IVV. Its first event is scheduled for May 8-12, 2014. *Official announcement* here.

November 2013: Indonesia has been admitted as a Direct Member of the IVV. It held its first event, the 5th Jogja International Heritage Walk on Nov 23-24, 2013. Indonesia is a member of both IVV-Asia and the IML.

### 2013-10-10-14

In October, the IVV Presidium attended the 30th anniversary celebrations of the Canadian Volkssport Federation's first Volkssport club in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. At ceremonies in Ottawa and Halifax, the following were honoured with the IVV Pin of Honour for their outstanding and long-term contributions to the IVV: (1) Benoît Pinsonneault (current CVF Past President), and (2) Lily and Lionel Conrod (4th CVF President).

### 2013-09-26-29

IVV-Europe held its Congress in Tata, Hungary.

### 2013-09-15

IVV-Americas held its first General Assembly by telephone conference call. Elected Officers are: President - Curt Myron (USA); Vice-President - Ethel Hansen (Canada); Vice-President -

Antonio Rossi (Brazil); Secretary - Benoît Pinsonneault (Canada); Treasurer - Marcelo Rodriguez (Brazil). IVV-Americas is registered in Canada.

### **2013-09-15**

29 IVV national and direct members responded to an important online survey regarding the design and content of the future IVV online database of all Volkssport events. The goal to publish the online database is January, 2015.

### **2013-07-15**

The Rev. Mr. Kenn Knopp, the "founding father of Volkssporting in the U.S." of Fredericksburg, TX died on Monday, July 15th at the age of 79 years. Volkssporting made its debut in the United States on June 12-13, 1976, in Fredericksburg, Texas as part of the celebration of the Bicentennial of American Independence. This event was made possible by the efforts of Rev. Mr. Kenn Knopp, a catholic deacon from Fredericksburg, Texas. The Fredericksburg local club that conducted the first Volksmarch was named Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg (VVF). Kenn was instrumental in the forming of the first United States governing body, the IPS-USA, which stands for International Peoples' Sports-United State of America. It was April 20, 1976, that the IPS-USA was incorporated in Texas and accepted by the IVV as the national organization of Volkssporting in the U.S.A. To assist in the promotion of the sport, Kenn developed and became editor of The American Wanderer, the newspaper of the IPS-USA. The first issue was published in January 1978. Truly, all American Volkssporters owe a great debt of thanks and appreciation for all Kenn did to bring Volkssporting to America.

### **2013-06-20**

In deep grief we received the information of the sudden death of our friend and former President Mr. Joseph Emonts-Gast who passed away on 7th June 2013. As enthusiastic walker and founding member of the Volkssport association of the German areas in Belgium he contributed considerably to the foundation of the association and its advancement. He was President for 30 years and Honorary President until his death. He dedicated his full attention and commitment to the concerns of the associations and walking clubs as well as to the club activities. Joseph competed with passion for his ideas and concepts. Once having an idea in mind, nothing could prevent him from implementing it. We keep countless activities in our minds which he gave a special touch of fellowship and sociability by this cheerfulness and humour.

We will honour him in memory and convey to his wife Adi our sincere condolences.

For the Governing Board and all members of V.G.D.S.

Secretary H. Müllens

President E. Dannemark

### **2013-05-25**

At its recent Biennial Convention, the American Volkssport Association elected a new president. Dennis Michele will succeed Heinz Johnson as president on July 1, 2013.

### **2013-03-28**

The International Federation of Popular Sports IVV grieves for Maximilian Bräuml who passed away on Monday, 25th March, 2013 at the age of 94. Maximilian Bräuml was Honorary President and founding member of the Austrian Volkssportverband (ÖVV) and initiator of the IVV walking movement in Austria. We grieve with the family of the deceased and will honour him in memory for his service to Volkssport. A detailed obituary will follow in the next World Report.

### **2013-03-14**

IVV-EUROPE grieves for its first Chairman, founding member, and initiator of the first Europiade, Gérard Wohl. Gérard lost his battle against a merciless disease on March 13, 2013 at the age of 70. The funeral and funeral service will take place on Friday, March 15, 2013 at 3 pm in Echternach.

### **2013-01-17**

Frantisek Moser, Honourary President of the IVV Association in the Czech Republic, passed away on January 17, 2013 at the age of 79. He was IVV Vice-President from 1998-2007. His tireless dedication for Volkssport deserved sincere appreciation. We have lost a good friend and will remember him with great respect for his commitment. We honour his memory, and send our condolences to his wife, family and all relatives.

### **2013-01-05**

One of Volkssport's greatest international supporters, Guy Alway, passed away January 5, 2013 in hospital in Bracknell, England. Guy was President of the British Walking Federation and served several years as an IVV Vice-President representing the English-speaking countries. Guy walked all 10 Canadian Provinces, all 50 American States and most of the countries involved in Volkssport. We will honour him in our memory.