

# WORLD REPORT

## IVV Olympiad 2013 - Ready!



**The 2013 IVV Olympiad Organizing Team**

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### **From the Editor**

Every organization that is as long-standing as the IVV has its history, traditions, successes and inevitable losses. Since the last issue of the World Report in December, the IVV has lost four dedicated leaders - the first president of the IVV-Europe Continental Association, two former IVV Vice-Presidents and the founding president of a national federation. These were: Gérard Wohl of Luxembourg; Guy Alway, a former IVV Vice-President from Great Britain; František Moser, a former IVV Vice-President from the Czech Republic; and Maximilian Bräuml, founding president of the Austrian Volkssport Federation, one of the original founding members of the IVV itself. These great leaders set the course and the example for us. For their successes, they worked hard, they took chances, they innovated, and they adapted in changing times. We must inspire ourselves from their example, and continue to do our best to follow in their footsteps.

[Graham Fawcett](#), IVV Vice-President

### **THE IVV - POPULAR SPORTS EVENTS FOR ALL**

The IVV is a worldwide federation of national sports associations. Our aim is to promote international friendship, understanding and peace through non-competitive sports. We encourage communication among all nations, regions and continents to improve knowledge and



understanding of their cultures and history. Our activities serve people's health through regular physical activity in natural settings. In order to promote contact and understanding, participants from all age groups and social strata are welcome at our events.

**Guidelines - A new, monthly Just One Minute!**

In 2013, we would appreciate receiving your news on a regular basis for inclusion in a new monthly edition of Just One Minute!. Each month, if you have news from your Association that you would like to share with others around the world, please let us know no later than the 21st of the month. We will send a reminder to all Associations on the 15th. Both National and Direct Members are included in this initiative.

Why are we proposing to do this? The IVV is an international organization, and we need to communicate with each other on a more regular basis. Through communication, we will more effectively support and learn from each other.

**Suggested topics:**

1. National news - announcements, important dates and events at the national level.
2. Links to your publications, if available online.
3. Festival event announcements - if you have events lasting 2 or more days, we can try announcing them here. Such events would be announced up to three months in advance only. If submitted, we can also put them on the IVV web site as an information item.
4. Requests for resources and strategies. Help others plan and organize themselves more successfully.
5. Other items deemed appropriate for international distribution.

**Limitations:**

1. Each item may be edited, and none will be longer than three lines each.
2. Each item should be submitted in English or German, or both if possible.
3. When required, corrections to information are possible; the copy of Just One Minute! on the IVV web site will be considered correct until informed otherwise.

**Submission:**

1. Please send your information **directly** to IVV Vice-President Graham Fawcett at the following email address:  
[grahamfawcett@mac.com](mailto:grahamfawcett@mac.com)

We look forward to hearing from you! Look for the next copy of Just one Minute! in your mailbox in the last week of each month.

**Submissions deadline: 21st day of each month**



**News from Slovakia**

The IVV Single Member KST of the Slovak Republic announces the 60th Slovak Touristic Rally and the 44th meeting of the KST Youth Ramblers in Bratislava, July 2013. [Contact](#) for more information.

**In Memoriam - Gérard Wohl, first president of IVV-Europe**

## Farewell, Gérard Wohl



On the 13th of March, 2013, Gérard Wohl from Luxembourg left us. At age 70, he lost his battle with an unforgiving illness. For 15 years, he served the Luxembourg Volkssport Federation (FLMP) as Treasurer, Press Contact, Secretary-General and then Vice-President. He gave of himself for the proper and honest practice of his favourite sport and with his enthusiasm, he inspired all those around him.

For several years, Gérard Wohl occupied a position on the IVV Arbitration Tribunal and Rules Committee, also contributing his part to the reform of this international Federation.

In 2010, the member countries of IVV-Europe elected Gérard to the position of first president of this confederation. His first goal was the creation of the first Europiad that took place in 2012 in his native

city Echternach and in Irrel(D) in the German-Luxembourg nature park.

However, Gérard did not live for popular walking alone. For more than 20 years, he was a member of the Echternach municipal council, where he served as councillor for 11 years. He served the people in his region for 50 years as voluntary paramedic with Public Safety. He was also very fond of the “Dancing procession” of his native Echternach where he worked hard since his youth, not to mention his other voluntary commitments.

In Gérard Wohl, friends of Volkssport have lost a friend and a passionate walker.

Georges KINTZIGER  
FLMP Secretary-General



**In Memoriam - Guy Alway, former IVV Vice-President**

**A PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO  
Guy Mason Alway  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 1938 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2013**



A founding member of the IVV movement in Great Britain, Guy was involved in the formation of the 'Great Britain Federation of Popular Sports' (GBF) in 1983. The Federation subsequently changed its name to the 'British Walking Federation' (BWF) in 1990.

Guy served on the National Committee of the GBF/BWF for fourteen years and was first appointed Supplies and Events Officer in 1983 and held various posts on the National Committee before taking over as Chairman in 1988. He remained Chairman until he retired on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1997 and was appointed an Honorary Vice President of the BWF in 1998. Guy also served for eight years between 1989 and 1997 as a Vice President, of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), representing the English speaking member countries of the IVV.

I first met Guy on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1983 whilst driving an ambulance for the British Red Cross undertaking the First Aid role at a walk from

Brock Barracks in Reading. This walk became known as the Reading Cadet March, which was an annual event organised by Guy through a walking club which he had formed known as "Reading Area Marching and Walking Club (GBF3). As soon as I saw Guy, I can well remember thinking "he's a big feller; I don't think I'll argue with him". I met with Guy the following year, again undertaking the first aid duty for the walk and decided I would like to get involved with this walking lark.

Late in 1984, I started IVV walking and on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1985, I entered to participate on the 1985 walk from Brock Barracks in Reading and duly turned up at the start, registered my entry and set off on the 28km route. As I approached the second check point in the middle of nowhere but in the vicinity of a village called Mapledurham, this "big feller" came up to me and said "I understand you are an accountant, would you mind giving us a little of your time and undertaking the audit of the accounts of the 'Great Britain Federation of Popular Sports' who are the ruling body over the walking club which organises this walk. It will only take you a couple of hours a year and you don't need to come to all the meetings". Those of you who knew Guy will understand my difficulty in not being able to say no. This was the start of what I can only describe as a wonderful friendship.

I served on the National Committee of the BWF alongside Guy for a number of years before succeeding him as National Chairman on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1997. We both attended many of the IVV Congress of Delegate conferences abroad and my wife Rosemary and I have many happy memories of these trips with Guy and his wife Sheila. We regularly socialised together and enjoyed many holidays and trips abroad in addition to attending

**(Guy Alway)**

the annual IVV conference in various countries. There were many humorous occasions, far too many to refer to, but I will just reflect on one occasion in Sweden when the Swedish Federation had organised a boat trip to an island for a bar-b-que. At the conclusion of the bar-b-que, all attendees were asked to don sacks and a helmet with horns so that our return by boat would be likened to the Vikings. Those of you who knew Guy will understand the huge difficulty in finding a sack which would fit and

it was finally agreed that two sacks would have to be used!!

Guy will never be forgotten by Rosemary and I, he was a man of great stature and we had the highest respect for him. We will miss him deeply.

A memorial service took place at Easthampstead Park Crematorium near Bracknell on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013 when around 200 mourners attended and payed their last respects.

Brian Tilbury  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013

**In Memoriam - František Moser, former IVV Vice-President**



**František Moser**

**26th October, 1933 - 17th January, 2013**

In deep grief, we announce that our long-time President of the Czech Republic's IVV Czech Tourists Section Club and Vice President KČT of the Czech Republic, Mr. František Moser, died on 17th January, 2013.

František Moser was born in the Bohemian Forest in Horažďovice on the 26th of October, 1933. He loved the Bohemian Forest, where his enthusiasm for walking started. He also organized unforgettable walking events there.

His professional life was connected with the theatre J. K. Tyl in Pilsen, where he was an opera singer. His church performances accompanied by church organ were unforgettable.

Walking became an enduring hobby for him. His activities would fill pages, but we will cite his

**(František Moser)**

work for the Club of the Czech Tourists for the IVV. A lot of uncomplicated negotiations had been made during communism before he officially contacted the IVV leadership in Bavaria in 1987. In 1989, he invited former IVV President Horst Volkmer to a walking event in the Bohemian Forest. After many efforts over the years, his dream came true when the Czech Republic became an IVV member in 1995. At the same time, he was elected President of IVV Section in KČT. He carried out this post until 2012, when he resigned at his own request and was appointed Honorary President of the Section IVV in KČT.

He organized two Congresses of Delegates - 1997 in Prague, where he was elected IVV Vice President, and 2005 in Pilsen. He carried out the post of IVV Vice-President until 2007. His

tireless commitment for the Volkssport movement deserves great tribute. He organized tours to IVV Olympiads and realized his wish to organize one in the Czech Republic in 2005 where, under his guidance, the 9th IVV Olympiad took place in Pilsen.

Many foreign tourists will miss him, as he was famous for his guided tours throughout the Czech Republic. We have lost a good friend, and remember him with great respect for his commitment. František, we will miss you and never forget you.

František Moser's funeral took place on Saturday, 16th February, with a large number of mourners in the Church of St. Peter and Paul in Horažďovice.



**Cheers, František!**

### In Memoriam - Maximilian Bräuml, founding President of the ÖVV

#### Maximilian Bräuml

**20th October, 1919 - 25th March, 2013**

The International Federation of Popular Sports IVV grieves for Maximilian Bräuml who passed away on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 merits to Volkssport.

Max Bräuml was born in Wels on 20th October, 1919. After visiting the elementary and secondary school he made an apprenticeship as carpenter. In 1939 he had to join the German Armed Forces. After the war in 1946 he worked in the Post and Telegraph Office. Soon he worked his way up to be leader of the Postoffice in Eggendorf, later he supervised the postmen in Wels.

In his leisure time he started as active sportsmen and became active sports official. In different kinds of sports, handball, soccer, table tennis and cross country skiing and walking, of course, he proved that he can perform extraordinary merits.

On 30<sup>th</sup> August, 1969, still before the foundation of IVV and ÖVV, the 1st International Volkswandertag in Wels was organized by Wanderfreunde der Union Wels supervised by him.

On 6th March, 1971, the Österreichische Volkssportverband was founded in Wels. At the same time Maximilian Bräuml was elected first ÖVV President.

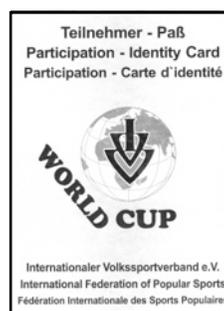
He remained President until 29th April, 1995, where he was appointed first Honorary President at the Congress of Delegates. He formed the ÖVV and made it to an association with international importance and tribute.

On the 6th of December, 1979 he was given the „Goldene Verdienstzeichen der Republik Österreich“ by Bundespräsident Rudolf Kirchschräger handed over by Landeshauptmann Dr. Josef Ratzenböck in the Linzer Landhaus. Max Bräuml received further distinctions by ÖVV and the International Federation of Popular Sports IVV.

On his initiative, a memorial place in Maria Brettfall was erected for all deceased IVV walkers. Maximilian Bräuml married his wife Anna in 1951 and was father of 3 sons.

### World & Europa Cup Books for sale at IVV Olympiad

Europe Cup 1 and 2 and World Cup books will be available at the Olympiad in South Tyrol at the IVV booth in Wolkenstein, South Tyrol.



**Official announcement for awarding the IVV Popular Sports Olympiad 2017**

<p>According to the order “Application for an Olympiad” of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), the selection for awarding the Popular Sports Olympiad will be made during the IVV Congress of Delegates 3 years ahead of the event. The selection for the IVV Popular Sports Olympiad 2017 will therefore be executed at the Congress of Delegates in Hamburg from 18th – 21st September, 2014. Prior to the selection, an official announcement has to be made 4 years ahead of the respective event by the IVV Presidium.</p> <p>Herewith, the IVV Popular Sports Olympiad 2017 will be officially announced. According to § 2 par. 3 of the order “Application for an Olympiad” the written applications have to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name of the organizing country and hosting city;</li> <li>b. The name of the location or locations for the Olympiad as well as the Olympiad center;</li> <li>c. The name of the local organization committee and its chairman as well as contact persons for the IVV Presidium;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. A signed document of the hosting city stating that they agree to the terms and conditions of the IVV and the hosting country;</li> <li>e. A signed document of the hosting member country stating that they will organize the event and keep to the IVV statutes as well as give a financial guarantee for the event;</li> <li>f. The date and duration of the Olympiad;</li> <li>g. The range of offers of sport and cultural events associated with the Olympiad;</li> <li>h. Coordination of technical arrangements, including the schedule.</li> </ul> <p>The ultimate time limit for written applications to the IVV Head Office is: 18th March, 2014. We are looking forward to receiving your applications. Please find enclosed the order “Application for an Olympiad”.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IVV-Presidium</p>
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**IML WALKING ASSOCIATION**  
*April 2013*

<p>IML Walkers taking part in the IVV Olympiad in South Tirol in 2013 can obtain an IML stamp when completing two consecutive days of a minimum of 20 km per day. (10 km for those aged over 70). Stamps will be available from Day 2 for those participants with evidence of completing two consecutive days with an up to</p>	<p>date passport, complete with photograph. The stamps for this event DO NOT count for IML awards.</p> <p><i>Due to some misunderstanding concerning the interpretation of this regulation, the IML and IVV Boards have worked out a solution in favour of walkers.</i></p>
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**IVV Congress of Delegates 2016 / IVV Olympiad 2017**

The host of the **IVV-Olympiad 2017** will be elected at the next Congress of Delegates in Hamburg. We are looking forward to receiving your application which has to be handed in to the IVV Head Office. Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

The organizer of the **Congress of Delegates 2016** will be elected in Hamburg as well. Please hand in a written application to the IVV Head Office indicating venue and date, if possible. Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014. We are looking forward to your applications.

**APPLICATION FOR AN OLYMPIAD**

of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)  
by resolution of the Congress of Delegates in Luxembourg  
on 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010

**§ 1 General**

1. The IVV popular sports Olympiad takes place every 2 years – namely in the odd numbered years.
2. The IVV popular sports Olympiad may not last longer than 4 days.
3. Only a country that has already been an IVV member for at least 5 years and whose clubs regularly organize events may organize an Olympiad.
4. In cases where more than one application of a member association is listed, and if one of the applicants has already organized a popular sports Olympiad in past years, other applicants will be prioritized as far as they meet all qualifications of the application to organize an Olympiad after their application.
5. The IVV Presidium can appoint an Olympiad representative.

**§ 2 The Awarding Procedure**

1. The selection for awarding the popular sports Olympiad will be made during the IVV Congress of Delegates 3 years ahead of the event.
2. Prior to selection of awarding the popular sports Olympiad and 4 years ahead of the respective event, an official announcement in the World Report will be made by the IVV Presidium. The ultimate time limit for a written application to the IVV Head Office is 6 months prior to the IVV Congress of Delegates at the latest.
3. The written application has to include the following:
  - a) The name of the organizing country and hosting city.
  - b) The name of the location or locations for the Olympiad as well as the Olympiad centre.
  - c) The name of the local organization committee and its chair-man as well as contact persons for the IVV Presidium.
  - d) A signed document of the hosting city stating that they agree to the terms and conditions of the IVV and the hosting country.
  - e) A signed document of the hosting member country stating that they will organize the event and keep to the IVV statutes as well as give a financial guarantee for the event.
  - f) The date and duration of the Olympiad.

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g) The range of offers of sport and cultural events associated with the Olympiad.

h) Coordination of technical arrangements, including the schedule.

4. The IVV Presidium will do a preliminary check on the presented applications for completeness and is entitled to ask for missing or additional documentation of the applicant and give a written dead-line.

5. The IVV Presidium issues a report on the preliminary check which has to be published to the member countries at least 3 months prior to the Congress of Delegates on the IVV website (internal). The re-port has to specifically comment on each application, especially if all necessary documents have been presented and the proposed hosting city will logistically be able to organize a popular sports Olympiad.

6. If, for any reason, an application is denied, the Arbitration Board can be convened verbally or in written form prior to voting. The Arbitration Board's decision is mandatory.

7. Prior to voting on awarding the Olympiad, each applicant has the right to introduce the application in any form. The present and elected members of the meeting have the right to ask the applicant or applicants questions.

8. During voting, the rules of the statutes and the standing orders have to be followed.

9. In case the elected host city is unable, for whatever reason, to organize the popular sports Olympiad in the designated year, the rights of the host city will be annulled and a new awarding will be made.

**§ 3 Contract Conclusion**

1. The IVV negotiates a written contract with the elected host city and the national member association, which states the obligations of the organizer in detail. This has to be done 2 months after the voting at the latest.

2. By signing the contract a license fee becomes due (currently 5,000 €). This fee has to be transferred to the IVV account by 1st April of the year prior to the Olympiad. Partial payments are possible on appointment.

3. The last page of the IVV Event Book (wrapper) is exclusively re-served for the Olympiad advertisement. The advertisement is valid for 2 years and is currently 500 € per year. The host is bound to hand in the records in time for printing.

4. In case of violation or breach of contract, the IVV Presidium can at any time relieve the organization of the IVV popular sports Olympiad, effective immediately. This will be done without precedent and without right for compensation for the elected host city and the national member association. The IVV is entitled to charge generated expenses.

5. The IVV Presidium is responsible for specifying the tasks and duties of the Olympiad host.

**A Proposed Replacement for the IVV World Calendar of Events  
by Graham Fawcett, IVV Vice-President**

The Presidium decided in Wolkenstein to cancel further publication of the IVV World Calendar of Events. This was due to the prohibitive cost of publication and lack of orders from IVV members outside Europe. It was also decided to consider the development and implementation of an online database version of the same information to replace the World Calendar.

At the moment, only one IVV member, the USA, has an true, searchable online database of its events. The Canadian Federation uses a database to prepare its online information, but publishes it in text form only. Due to technical reasons and the skills required to create such a database, the challenge is too great for many other IVV members. This is why it is important that it be done at the international level, where it will have the greatest impact for all interested parties.

Since mid-October 2012, over 16,900 different visitors have visited our new website. These visitors have come from 101 different countries around the world. On the surface, this seems encouraging, especially since 63% of all visitors are new ones. However, only 32%, just half, return. That is a lot of lost opportunities. Why? Because they were probably looking for specific information on where they can do walks, not because they wanted to find out who the IVV President is, or if there is a member club in some place of interest. There is not a week that goes by that I do not receive several specific requests for information on walks. So, too, does the IVV Office. Visitors to our website want specific information, they come to us, and in too many cases we are not allowing them to find what they are looking for.

It is clear that many people are more comfortable with a book as a source of information than they are with a computer. That is understandable; we remain comfortable with what we already know. However, others also want quick and easy access to reliable sources of information. They are already using technology to conduct internet searches, make online purchases, and share information through social media.

The process of change is never easy. Through various means (new Statutes; revised IVV News, IVV web site, and IVV World Report; polls and surveys for our members' input), we have already made significant advances. The final step in creating a 'new IVV' will be in the sharing of core information. That is, information on what we all do: organize non-competitive sporting events for people. Unless and until they can find the information they are looking for, membership and participation throughout the IVV will only continue to decrease.

Why should an online database be the first choice for sharing critical information? From personal experience with both, I have learned that:

1. Since the material for a book is prepared by members at least four to six months ahead of publication, a book is necessarily (a) incomplete, and (b) inaccurate. It will, therefore, include important errors and omissions that cannot be corrected as soon as the book is released.
2. An online database can always be up to date and accurate. New information can be added at any time and errors may be corrected.
3. The annual cost of publishing a book will remain high for whoever continues doing so.

**A Proposed Replacement for the IVV World Calendar of Events**

Initially, the cost of the software for an online database is not even a quarter of that to publish a book each year, so the cost will decrease over time once the software has been purchased. The annual cost of publishing a book will not decrease.

**How would the various parties benefit more from an online database in addition to any available printed materials?**

**The IVV** itself will be able to:

1. assume the character of a truly international organization;
2. have a better idea of the activities of all members, both national and direct;
3. allow potential sponsors and partners to see how active we are;
4. attract many times more visitors to the IVV website;
5. attract new, younger members who are already using technology to find information on a daily basis.

**Continental associations, national and direct members** will be able to:

1. publish up to date and accurate information accessible to a much wider audience than previously;
2. share in an equal opportunity to promote their programs, usually limited to much larger organizations with greater financial resources;
3. coordinate activities;
4. see what others are doing, and learn from them;
5. save considerable amounts of money every year by eliminating recurring costs for printing, handling and shipping.

**Walkers** will be able to:

1. access a single source of accurate information by a number of different means (desktop computer, laptop computer, smartphone while at home or travelling);
2. plan their travels ahead of time, thereby reducing costs;
3. consider attending more events beyond their local area.

**World, Pacific & Europa Cup Winners  
 December 2012 - April 2013**

**Winners up until Feb. 28, 2013**

**Europa-Cup I**

Boeglin Banerjee Mohar, Mulhouse (France)  
 Boeglin Patrick, Mulhouse (France)  
 Nerland, Anne-Berit, Ski (Norway)

**Europa-Cup II**

Nerland, Anne-Berit, Ski (Norway)

**World-Cup II**

Eceterski Thomas, Frankfurt (Germany) 3. Teilnahme

**Winners up until Apr. 30, 2013**

**Europa-Cup II**

Allinger Ute, Stuttgart (Germany)  
 Holvik Tor Arne, Oslo (Norway)  
 Holvik Berith M., Oslo (Norway)

**Pacific-Cup**

Dötzer Edelbert, Hausen (Germany)  
 Dötzer Hildegund, Hausen (Germany)

**Report on IOC / TAFISA Sport for All Conference  
Lima, Peru - April 24-27, 2013**

I had the pleasure to attend this conference from April 24-27, 2013. To say the very least, it was a world-class conference with excellent speakers on a variety of useful and urgent topics. In all, there were some 500 delegates from over 100 countries around the world. Over the 4-day period, I attended some 14 different sessions where I listened to more than 30 experts in their fields. Repeatedly, the same issues, concerns and ways forward came through clearly with a single, overriding message: more than ever, the world needs sport as a means to address and solve urgent social issues. It is my feeling that Volkssport everywhere must take part in this if it is to grow and thrive in the future. It is not only possible, but also imperative that we do so, and the Volkssport model from the 1960s and 1970s will have to evolve.



The challenges in the developed and developing worlds are quite different, but the way forward for Volkssport in both can be quite similar.

(a) In the developed world, Volkssport has been facing many significant challenges

over the past decade: declining participation, difficulty in finding volunteer leaders, an aging clientèle, difficulty adapting to changing needs, funding difficulties, and so on. Many interesting initiatives have been tried, but the trend continues the same. One significant strategy that we have avoided for years is social engagement in any significant manner.

(b) In the developing world, there are entirely different challenges that will demand radically different approaches. There are, however, entirely different opportunities and possibilities if initiatives are properly planned and framed to fit the local reality. Our traditional IVV structures, procedures, rules and regulations, etc. will probably have to be adapted if there is to be success. The European and North American Volkssport model will simply not fit.

Any initiative to introduce Volkssport in the developing world must first clearly define itself within the framework of a unique problem or social need that can be addressed through sport or physical activity. The problems and opportunities in any one country will not necessarily be the same in the next. Secondly, following the European or North American model that presents Volkssport as an end in itself will not work. People and countries in the developing world are too challenged for the daily struggle of living or building that country to be interested in the concept of 'non-competitive, recreational exercise' imported from Europe or North America. Whatever the activity is to be,

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it must support the development efforts and be part of a solution to a defined need. If it does not do that, it will not sell itself, it won't be funded, and it will not succeed because it is irrelevant to real needs. To receive funding from international partners and sponsors, all initiatives will have to be measurable, and an essential part of any successful proposal.

*Graham Fawcett, IVV Vice-President*



**IVV-AMERICAS  
Election Results**



IVV-Americas is now a legally established continental association within IVV. The IVV-Americas election is completed and the officers are shown below.

**President:** Curt Myron is the current Chair of the IVV-Americas Organizing Committee, former President of American Volkssport Association, and has been involved on many levels with AVA and IVV activities.

**Vice-President:** Ethel Hansen is current President of Canadian Volkssport Federation and has been involved for many years with many levels of volkssport activities.

**Vice-President:** Antonio Rossi is an excellent public relations manager, promotes the best walking in Rio de Janeiro, has been part of the IVV Olympiad Congress and Conferences around the world. He was President since 2005 of the "Tourism Forum" speaks French fluently and can communicate with everyone.

**Secretary:** Benoît Pinsonneault has been involved with volkssport in Canada for many years, serving on many levels and is a former CVF President.

**Treasurer:** Marcelo Rodrigues is one of the most important partners in BRAZIL. He is UNISOL Brazil's treasurer, an entity that works with fair trade. He speaks English fluently and will have no trouble communicating with all.



**FROM THE EDITOR**

Again, a sincere ‘Thank you!’ to all those who have submitted articles and made suggestions for this issue of the IVV World Report. My special thanks to IVV Executive Assistant Tanja Müller for all her translations for the German version.

Texts, photos, questions and suggestions may be sent directly to the [Editor](#) . The next deadline to submit articles and photos will be **July 15, 2013**.

**Calendar - 2013**

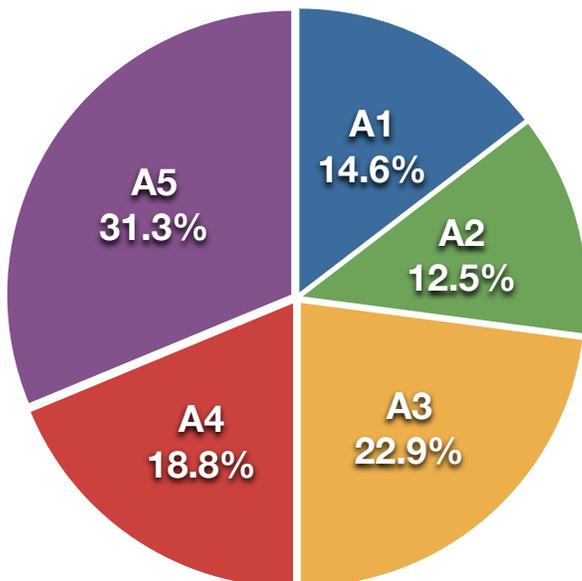
1. [IVV Olympiad 2013](#) will take place in [Val Gardena, Sud Tyrol](#) [South Tyrol, Italy] - June 25 - 29, 2013.
2. IVV-Europe Congress of Delegates; Tata, Hungary - September 27-29, 2013
3. The date for the second ‘[Europiade](#)’ has been set for June 20 - 22, 2014 in [Marostica & Breganze](#), Italy.
4. The next IVV Congress of Delegates will be in [Hamburg, Germany](#) September 18 - 21, 2014.

**The Last Word**

This space will be used to show the results of recent IVV Polls and Surveys. Your participation and feedback is very important. A ‘poll’ is a single question with multiple choice answers, allowing the respondent a quick, but significant, reply to an important question. Surveys are more detailed, with the possibility of user comments and multiple forms of feedback. This poll will remain open until **September 15, 2013** in order to receive the widest response possible. Results of these polls and surveys will give us valuable information on Volkssport subjects. For background on this question, please refer to pp. 11 & 12 of this World Report. [Please add your opinion here!](#)

**“If walks information from IVV member countries worldwide were available online, would that be useful to you? Would you decide to travel more or more widely?”**

**All results as of May 31, 2013**



1. No, definitely not. I am not able to travel widely anyway. / I do enough walks already.
2. Yes, possibly. I might now consider other walks in the future outside my own local area.
3. Yes, quite probably. I would have more information to make more and wider choices. I have wanted to travel before, but could find no single source of information.
4. Most definitely. It will allow me to plan my time and travels to other regions and countries. I will certainly travel and do more walks than I am doing now.
5. I already travel regionally, nationally and internationally, but this new information would make my travel planning even easier.