

## **EARAPA MEETING**

**October 30th 2002, Amiens – France**

**Present:** Saïd Ahmaïdi, Claire Boursier, André Degoute, Edith Degoute, Maria Dinold, Yves Eberhard, Fransisca Eugster-Büsch, Tadeusz Galkowski, Jerzy Grossman, Gerd Hölter, Anne-Merete Kissow, Nina Khars, Lars Kristén, Anne Lannem, Johan Simons, Guro Strano, Herman Van Coppenolle, Peter Van De Vliet, Yves Vanlandewijck, Alain Varray.

**Excused:** Ruta Adomaitienne, Karin Bultiau, Jean-Claude De Potter, Aija Klavina, Pedro Ruiz, Nigel Thomas.

**7:30 pm.**

The President presents the agenda of the meeting and asks for any comment or suggestion. Some participants noted that they didn't receive in advance the agenda. The secretary explains that she sent it too late (10 days before the meeting) and encountered some problems with some e-mail addresses. She asks everyone to send her their current addresses. The agenda is approved.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the former general assembly of EARAPA.** A remark was made concerning some changes of the by-laws of EARAPA. The president explains that Jean-Claude De Potter sent the by-laws and asked for suggestions last year but didn't receive answers. Some participants said that they didn't receive the document. Revision of the by-laws will be possible after the coming elections (march 03 – Brussels).
2. **Report of the President.** Herman Van Coppenolle presents the different actions and projects led in the scope of :
  - **THENAPA** : first Cdrom translated in French, work on the new Cdroms, project of a new network on APA (oct 03)
  - **EMDAPA**: number of students...
  - **EARAPA**: european research register that should be always updated; european bulletin on APA.
3. **Report on DEUAPA** by Claire Boursier : 44 students, universities involved. Bernard Robert, from the University of Bordeaux 2 – France – who organizes the intensive program made proposal to the European Commission about a new IP for 2003-2006. New universities joined the program (from Belgium, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, United-Kingdom...). A remark was made concerning the bilateral agreements for the training period of DEUAPA and EMDAPA. It is answered that the european socrates rules changed and that it's now possible to sign bilateral agreements any time in the year.
4. **Report on the European Bulletin on APA** by Yves Vanlandewijck. A document is given to all participants presenting this new and official publication of EARAPA, and its logo made by a belgium artist. The leading articles and short communications written in one of the following languages : english, french and german with summaries available in the 3 languages. He emphasizes that all manuscripts submitted to the Bulletin will be subject to peer review by international specialists and stresses the

willingness of the editorial board to have balance of the fields and contents of the articles, of respect of the languages and countries. For any information or to submit a manuscript, a website is now available: <http://www.bulletin-apa.com>

5. **Report of the treasurer** by Claire Boursier. As there is no treasurer for the moment, no report.
6. **Report of the secretary** : The secretary encountered as it is mentioned above many difficulties to send informations to EARAPA members. She asked Peter Downs, Vice President of IFAPA to have a list of the IFAPA european members but received it after the meeting. Many addresses are lacking or obsolete. She'll try to solve this problem before the next General Assembly.
7. **Reports of the National key-persons**: a short report is made by the key-persons present at the meeting. The secretary asked all key-persons to send her a written report.

## AUSTRIA

(key person: Dr. Maria DINOLD, ISW-Vienna)

### 1. ISAPA 2001 Vienna - Proceedings

➤ Difficult process of preparing the publication of the Proceedings Book (numerous contributions, had to cut all poster presentations, publisher retreated > intensive search for a new good solution > publication in 2003!)

### 2. Other Activities in 2002

➤ Participation in the THENAPA-Meeting in Budapest May 2002 > preparations for the THENAPA final report

➤ Presentation of a national preliminary report on THENAPA at biannual meeting of ÖSG (Austrian Society of Sport Science)

➤ Lectures and practical courses for (adapted) physical activity, psychomotor activities and dance at the Institute for Sports Science of the University of Vienna, at the "University-Sports-Institute", at Impuls-Tanz-Festival in July in Vienna, at further education seminars for PE-teachers in August in Vienna, etc.

➤ Contact to Organizing Committee of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of ECSS, July 2003 in Salzburg – recommendation of a keynote speaker (*Karen DePauw*)

➤ Cooperation with the Austrian Sports federation for the Disabled (national and international courses for education in training and teaching disability sport, skiing, recreational sport, etc.), several offers throughout the year 2002

➤ Cooperation with the Viennese Pedagogical Institute (in-service teacher's training for special education teachers: "Integration in Movement Education", April 3-5, 2002)

➤ Postgraduate course for Conductive Education/Therapy for people with multiple disabilities will have the first graduations in November

### 3. Coming up 2003:

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of ECSS, July 9-12, 2003 in Salzburg:

Main Topic A: The Significance of Exercise and Sport in a Life Span

Main Topic B: Challenges of Elite Sport

### Main Topic C:

**Physical Activity and Exercise and their Effect on Chronic Disease and Impairments**

(keynote: *Karen DePauw/USA*: "Extending the Limits of Performance and Overcoming Disability") online-info: [www.ecss2003.at](http://www.ecss2003.at)

## CZECH REPUBLIC

EARAPA REPORT – December 2002

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## CZECH REPUBLIC

### EARAPA Contact Person

1. **Czech EARAPA network** – 19 members, last general assembly in June 2002. Members mostly from Prague-Olomouc Universities, then members from Pedagogy Faculties (Teacher's training Colleges): Brno, České Budějovice, Plzeň, new members from Ostrava and Ústí nad Labem.

### 2. Education improvement:

● *basic information dealing with APA* are included in optional study programmes (Bc, Mgr level) in study program: classification category 74- 01 (Physical culture, education and sports) – basic information minimally 2n Kr for all PE students in CR.

Accreditation – APA Bc level (3 years-180 Cr) + APA Mgr level (2 years-120 Cr) in Olomouc.

● Study programs “*physiotherapy*” – Prague and Olomouc University: APA general knowledge included in compulsory programs.

● CEEPUS – Central European network, one month study program with the best offer of 10 CE universities from 6 countries. Coordinator – Olomouc University.

Participants: Czech Republic: MU Brno, České Budějovice

Slovak Republic: KU Bratislava, MB University Banská Bystrica

Poland: AWF Poznań, AWF Wrocław

Slovenia: University Ljubljana

Croatia: University Zagreb

Bulgaria: Sports Academy Sofia

New partner: Yugoslavia – University Novi Sad.

Improvement of CEEPUS curricula, more attention to topic *integration* and *comparative study*. Proposal to Vienna board for next 3 years: study program a little changed in “joint studies degree” design (confirmation of home university about re-cognition of adequate subjects – passed at host university). Certificate study.

Students/teachers workshop in Olomouc – good results of students presentation. Proceedings of students presentations – in press.

● participation in European studies continuous: EMD APA (2 students from Prague, 1 student from Olomouc), and DEU APA (1 student from Olomouc).

● Bilateral study mobility: České Budějovice-Vienna, Salzburg, Olomouc – Munich, Montpellier, Jyväskylä, Prague- Oslo and others.

### 3. Seminars – conferences:

*National:*

● April 2002 - Charles University, Prague.

Outdoor activities, games, and inner experience.

APA session with 17 presentations focused on APA, including THENAPA information.

***Proceedings in Czech published.***

● June 2002 – Pedagogical Faculty Liberec.

Czech “Kinanthropology Association” (Czech EARAPA) meeting.

● June 2002– Palacký University Olomouc.

Sports really for All. Seminar for University PE teachers – chances in integration in University Sports Clubs, university PE and recreation. Representatives of Special Education Centres in Moravian region.

2 days seminar with practising in the framework Knappek Memorial (wheelchair international sport competition and music festival Vivat Vita).

***Proceedings are finished, videos.***

● September 2002 – Palacky University Olomouc.

Days for psychology: APA session with 12 presentations focused on APA.

***Proceedings in Czech in process.***

● November 2002 – Masaryk University Brno, ***international participation***: The role of PE and sports in transition of Central Europe countries.

***Proceedings in Czech in process.***

***International:***

● July 2002 - Palacký University Olomouc.

Seminar in the framework of Czech National Special Olympics. Seminar concentrated on sports of persons with mental disability – mainly on development of sports available for persons with more intensive disability (adapted sports, boccia).

***Proceedings are finished.***

● August 2002 – Czech Special Olympics + Euro/Asia SO board, Zlín.

*Seminar in the framework of European unified football tournament. All topics focused on development of unified sports system.*

***Proceedings in Czech in process.***

● November 2002 - Charles University, Prague.

Physiotherapy and APA sports.

***Proceedings in Czech in process.***

● November 2002 - Federation of sports of sportsmen with physical disability + Liga wheelchair users sportsmen.

Seminar in the framework of REHA-Protex exhibition. Beside others – sports chances for beginners, study + education opportunities in physical activities and sports domain.

4. Finished APA doctoral programs including Ph.D. thesis defence

2 Charles University, Prague.

2 Masaryk University Brno

1 Palacký University Olomouc

***5 – together***

1 professor (Hana Válková) in domain “Kinanthropology” – APA specialization.

5. **Publications:**

Proceedings of all national and international conferences – see above.

Acta of Kinanthropology, Prague,

Acta gymnica, Olomouc

***All paperbacks enclosed.***

6. Events and public relations:

● Every month Tv presentation (20 min) – focused on “paralympic sports” and biographies of sportsmen with disability.

Special award ceremony (+ Tv presentation) for the best sportsmen with disability (***video enclosed***).

- Without CZ- EARAPA effort, but positive: media attention to paralympics, movement „sportsmen to sportsmen“ (sportsmen initiative to help to disabled sportsmen: access, public awareness, finance).
- More intensive co-operation. Co-operation with SOI research board, project of unified sports for mentally disabled, co-operation with Russian speaking countries. Co-operation with IBSA (blind skiing – blind sports and integration)- Olomouc, co-operation with paralympics – swimming, Prague.
- University students in “volunteers” role support all championships of disabled sports (mainly in centres: Prague, České Budějovice, Brno, Olomouc). Improvement of amount of competitions and quality of disabled sports.

## **FRANCE**

**(Key person : Yves Eberhard, University Joseph Fourier, Grenoble)**

During the academic year 2002, our French-speaking association in Adapted Physical Activity (AFAPA) was concerned :

1/ by the edition of 2 « AFAPA Newsletters », which were mailed in October and march 2002

2/ by our 5<sup>th</sup> AFAPA general assembly held at Sophia-Antipolis university of Nice, on 13 june 2002, during the “XIIème congrès national en Activités Physiques Adaptées” organized by Pierrick Bernard and his local staff. A short brochure summarizing international, European and France APA movement (concepts and historical facts) was introduced in the host file of participants.

During the 5<sup>th</sup> AFAPA general assembly :

- the AFAPA policy was presented and discussed, especially reports concerning different actions towards different national authorities in France,
- the 2002 financial report was presented and adopted. The annual subscriptions were recalled : 10 € for members ; 5 € for students,
- the board was re elected for one year, with an unanimous vote : Y. Eberhard (Grenoble), P. Bernard (Montpellier), B. Robert (Bordeaux), C. Boursier (Paris X-Nanterre), JP. Génolini (Toulouse), S. Ahmaïdi (Amiens),
- the principle of our next AFAPA general assembly (the 6<sup>th</sup>) was suggested by J. Mikulovic (Littoral university of Dunkerque) through the umbrella of AFRAPS during an international congress allowed in Dunkerque (march 2003),
- owing to an absence “excused” of S. Ahmaïdi (Amiens), the programme on the 6<sup>th</sup> European conference in Adapted Physical Activity (Jules Verne university of Picardie, Amiens), supported by the EARAPA and encouraged by the AFAPA was presented.

## **FINLAND**

**(Key-person : Pauli Rintala, University of Jyvaskyla)**

1. Science for Success Multidisciplinary Top Sport Congress was held in Jyväskylä, Finland from 2-4.10.2002. There was an APA-symposium led by professor Pauli Rintala. The keynote speakers were Dr. Karl Quade from Cologne, Dr. Marit Sorensen from Oslo and Mr. Kennet Fröjd from Bollnäs, Sweden.

2. Professors Esko Mälkiä (physiotherapy) and Pauli Rintala (Adapted Physical Activity) have published a new Adapted Physical Activity textbook (472 pages) in Finnish. The book utilizes WHO's new ICF –classification concept in its contents.
3. The Scandinavian cooperation between Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark has been very active over the years. As one result of that the 2nd Intensive Training Week for university teachers and Doctoral students in APA August 20- 25, 2002 in Nästved, Denmark was held. Lars Kristen was successful in drawing "NORDPLUS" money in order to organize the course and Dr. Karen-Inge Halkier was in charge of the organization of the week. There were about 30 participants.
4. 5th National Adapted Physical Activity Seminar was organized in Helsinki. During two days in November 2002 over 300 participants from teachers to administrators gathered to listen speeches and participated in demonstrations and thematic sessions. As a result of the seminar a number of recommendations were written in order to improve the status of APA in Finland. The seminar has been held every four years. One of the keynote speakers was Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper.
5. The National Adapted Physical Activity Board (since late 1980's) has met 9-10 times within a year. Over the years the role of the Board has been very important in developing and also implementing the recommendations set in National Seminars.
6. The adapted physical education workbook for students (52 pages) written by Pauli Rintala has been translated into Swedish language. It is an introductory text for APA. More information: [pauli.rintala@sport.jyu.fi](mailto:pauli.rintala@sport.jyu.fi)

## GERMANY

**Gerd Hölter** notes that in Germany there is not a real network on APA. On 40 members contacted, only 2 persons answered.

## DENMARK

**Anne-Merete Kissow** explains that there is a small network on APA (8 members). They had a forum last year to discuss on inservice training in APA and also on APA at school. There is a development of this network and different projects on APA.

## NORWAY

**Key person: Nina Kahrs; [nina.kahrs@nih.no](mailto:nina.kahrs@nih.no)**

I am sorry a could not give you the report at Amiens, but I have not been an acting key-person this year. As normal there has been a APA seminar at Beitostolen. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. 2002.with the Norwegian University for Sport and P.E., Beitostolen Health Sport Centre and the Norwegian Organisation of APA, as organising stakeholders. This year they called the seminar a Nordic seminar.

The annual meeting was held at the Norwegian University of Sport at the Des. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002. They have not paid their fee to the IFAPA and they have reduced themselves to a web side at the moment, connected to Beitostolen Health Sport Centre.

Since we at the Norwegian University of Sport and Physical Education are trying to make a university network in APA, and since NTFFA are not involved in research, we at the university decided that I, Nina Kahrs, should be the Key person in EARAPA until the new Structure of IFAPA eventually EARAPA is in place. Then it will be the key persons responsibility to analyse and propose for the Norwegian IFAPA members, how Norway should be linked to EARAPA in the future.

## **POLAND**

Jerzy grossman notes that 6 universities are involved in APA and even if there is no formally installed network, the first steps to built up a national assocaition on APA are made.

## **SWEDEN**

Lars Kristén presents the actions of the nationalassociation on APA (380 members). The last meeting was held in Hälmsstad concerning adapted outdoor activities and research. A newsletter is sent to all members 4 times a year. A website is also available: the main point consists in developing education/APA (in universities) and developing courses of specialization.

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**(Elections march 2003)**

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