

PHILOSOPHY

The prism has been chosen as a symbol by the International Sport for All Federation for the crystalline way in which it breaks the light up into a multitude of colours.

Struck by the light of sport, which is a universally acknowledged right of every man and woman, this prism projects an infinite harmony of rays symbolizing the multifarious definitions of "Sport of All".

Interpretations may vary according to individuals, sports, federations, associations, states, cultures, religions. The prism therefore symbolizes respect for the multiplicity of opinions about the "Sport for All" phenomenon.

Standing up for the F.I.S.P.T. means standing up for:

- freedom of expression through multiple Sport for All aspects;
- friendship between people and communities;
- individual and collective cultural enrichment.

The F.I.S.P.T. prefers to situate its multiple activities (such as training, leisure sports, recreation, free competition) outside the field of established high level competition.

The F.I.S.P.T. accepts no axioms. By developing the "Sport for All" idea it hopes to contribute, unassumingly but efficiently, to the happiness of man.



Origins

Everyone has the right to engage in sport, which is an important factor in socio-cultural development. Because of its links with the present-day sports scene, the impact of recreational sport is growing all the time.

Numerous initiatives organized under the heading "Sport for All" have demonstrated the universality of a phenomenon that leads man to create new conditions for the practice of physical recreation and leisure activities, to renew contact with nature and with entertainment, to rediscover freedom in sport.

Founded in Strasbourg on 3rd April 1982, the **International Sport for All Federation** specified its statutes and composed its Board of Directors in the Council of Europe building in Strasbourg on 24th February 1983. Its registered offices have been established in the same town. Its official languages are English and French - and since 1985 also Arabic.

In 1987, the General Assembly in Bilbao confirmed its intention of opening the federation, and adapted its statutes from this angle.

Aim

The aim of the International Sport for All Federation is to promote "Sport for All" and to establish contact between the organizations and persons concerned. The federation is apolitical, areligious and non-profit-making.

Objectives

It is the ambition of the International Sport for All Federation to be an action-oriented and a consultative organization, encouraging international exchanges in "Sport for All" as a factor of self-fulfilment and a means of bringing people and nations together in mutual understanding.

The International Sport for All Federation intends to:

- Organize international "Sport for All" meetings by means of symposia, conferences, regional and international seminars and congresses, informative weeks, of adventure and sport explorations, study trips etc...
- Organize training courses and in-service training for Sport for All leaders, create the most favourable conditions so that they can accomplish their task, and promote the "leaders without frontiers" programme;
- Further "Sport for All" and support its development;
- Stimulate "Sport for All" sponsorship;
- Organize events, sports festivals, games, international "Sport for All" journeys and promote sports tourism in general;
- Further scientific research adapted to the "Sport for All" practice and concentrate on management aspects;
- Help to set up international sport for all campaigns;
- Participate in activities of regional and world organizations, which are able to rouse a growing interest of public opinion in "Sport for All".
- Gather, publish and distribute documents on the federation's social aim;
- Make increasing use of mass media in order to promote "Sport for All" activities;
- Encourage the construction of more leisure sport facilities.

Members

The International Sport for All Federation brings together individuals and private as well as public associations wishing to help it achieve its objectives in the field of "Sport for All". Their contribution (membership fee) makes them active members of the federation.