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**PORTAL TO THE PAST**

The annals and achievements of badminton will be preserved for generations to come with the launch of the Badminton World Federation’s digital museum in the coming months.

This priceless gift, from the National Badminton Federation of Russia to mark the international federation’s 80th anniversary last July, is designed to showcase badminton’s rich history as well as its contemporary significance. The website and the virtual ‘Discover Badminton’ tour are expected to be ready by year-end and, at a later date, BWF will announce when the digital museum will go live.

In the historical part of the virtual tour, visitors can walk through a digital replica of Badminton House, the estate where badminton was born in the second half of the 19th century. The exhibits in the museum are divided among five halls, of which three deal with historical development: the period before the founding of IBF (1934); the period from IBF’s founding to 1992, and from 1992 to the present. The other two deal extensively with personalities and equipment. There’s a virtual guide for assistance if required.

The content section of the website will offer all relevant material – in the form of pictures, videos and articles – arranged on an interactive timeline. The website will be integrated with social networks and will contain a badminton history and knowledge database. This latest resource will be invaluable not just for fans, but for institutions seeking accurate historical information, researchers, public and internal stakeholders.

More than a hundred objects at the National Badminton Museum in Milton Keynes, England, have already been scanned for exhibition in the museum. The one advantage the digital museum has over a real museum is there is no lack of space to house additional items.

Anyone who has badminton memorabilia may contact BWF to have their artefacts scanned for inclusion. Designed to appeal just for fans, but for institutions seeking accurate historical information, researchers, public and internal stakeholders.

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**THEN...AND NOW:** Young Uriel Canjura was first captivated by badminton in 2009 when he was among a group of children introduced to the sport in the rural towns outside San Salvador in El Salvador. In 2010, Badminton Pan Am took some rackets, shuttles and nets to these villages and spotted Uriel playing barefooted. By 2011, he was showcasing his ability on the regional scene and this year he competed in the Pan Am Junior Championships in Guatemala, reaching the under-15 boys’ quarter-finals. His is already an inspirational story, surely with more chapters to be written!
Dear Colleagues and Friends

As we emerge from a busy summer – despite a break from the MetLife BWF World Superseries – there is much good news for us to share.

First, it is appropriate that I congratulate all our new World champions who were crowned in Copenhagen at the end of August. It was truly a compelling finale to one of our premier events, with absorbing storylines playing out on court. I think we fans are agreed that the Men’s Doubles and Women’s Singles matches, in particular, were two epic dramas that assure us the theatre of sport – as far as badminton is concerned – is alive and well.

There were other significant tournaments which, though not run by the BWF, were affiliated with our organisation and I would like also to salute players who excelled at the Asian Games, the Commonwealth Games and the European Para-Badminton Championships. Well done everyone.

Regarding para-badminton, we are in the final stages of preparation for our presentation to the International Paralympic Committee’s (IPC) Governing Board on Sunday 5 October in Berlin. While this will be an important element of our application for inclusion in the 2020 Paralympic Games, I believe it will simply fortify our well-balanced campaign; hopefully resulting in good news for our federation, especially our players with impairments.

On the tournament landscape, the World Superseries is revving up again. A mere four stops remain before the top eight in each category qualify for the BWF Destination Dubai World Superseries Finals. Points will be at a premium and excitement will be high. There’s all to play for and, oh yes, that million-dollar jackpot is certainly great incentive. Best wishes to all players as the season rounds up.

Finally, I wish to draw your attention to our cover page which almost perfectly blends the past, present and future of our sport.

As an organisation now in its 81st year, it is time we document our origins and how we have navigated our way to our current state of evolution and our status. We should be proud of our heritage and acknowledge those who have brought us this far. On BWF’s behalf, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to the National Badminton Federation of Russia. This digital museum is a priceless gift and we will treasure it.

Alongside that article are two photos of Uriel Canjura, clearly an energetic youngster who epitomises what we are striving for in the development of badminton: to seek out talent wherever it may be in this world and offer such talent an opportunity to flourish or, as our Shuttle Time slogan says, “to give every child a chance to play”.

Look what our efforts can achieve!

Surely, there are many more of these stories waiting to be told. We just need to find them.

Poul-Erik Høyer
BWF President
PASSION FOR PARA-BADMINTON SPREADS

The widening scope of para-badminton internationally in recent times underlines the sport’s growth, with various tournaments and development activities taking place worldwide this year.

Following the inaugural and highly successful Para-Badminton Internationals in England and Indonesia (in June), the focus of the para-badminton world has been spreading even further with three continental championships by year-end as well as other initiatives in Africa and Pan America (both in North America and South America).

Hosted every other year, the continental championships are an opportunity for the best in each region to battle it out for the title of continental champion. While the European fraternity had their continental championships in Murcia, Spain (9-14 September), the Asian Para-Badminton Championships are set for 18–24 October in Incheon, Korea. Then, in December, Havana, Cuba, will be the backdrop for the Pan Am Continental Championships.

The European Championships were again a highly successful event. Hosted at the High Performance Center in Murcia, this tournament showcased a very competitive standard of play. A total of 104 athletes from 19 European nations participated, an increase of three compared to the 2012 championships. Newcomers this year were – Finland, Norway and Serbia and this underlines the fact that para-badminton is moving in the right direction and appealing to more players from a more diverse range of nations.

“The championships were a huge success. The level of play exceeded all expectations and the number of new countries participating and new champions crowned shows how far para-badminton has come as a truly competitive and entertaining sport,” said Championship Director, Carmen Martínez Villanueva.

A noteworthy element was that the hosts (Physical Disability Sports Federation – Murcia) showed a genuine desire to create a truly accessible event with the High Performance Center in Los Alcazares being specifically renovated to cater to para-sport requirements. They were well supported by major contributing partners, the Spanish Badminton Federation and the Spanish Federation of Sports for the Physically Disabled.

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Meanwhile, the Asian Para-Badminton Championships will see para-badminton in a multi-sport environment as it was in 2010. The para-badminton event has attracted 112 players (79 men/33 women) from 16 nations. The largest number of players is from Japan with a team of 20 (12 men and 8 women). China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea and Malaysia are expected to win medals in the 18 events (6 wheelchair and 12 standing-class events).

Come December, Cuba will host the Pan Am Para-Badminton Championships in Havana. Billed as a training and development event, the championships will integrate development workshops for both coaches and players with the tournament. The BWF is providing travel subsidies for players and coaches attending the event and the workshops will take place for the two days preceding the championships.

“This is one of a number of para-badminton development initiatives BWF is funding this year and this model of combining the training and development activities around events is an efficient way to utilise resources and maximise the outcome for players and coaches in the region,” explained Kurzo, regarding the BWF’s para-badminton strategy.

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The added attraction of subsidised airfares, practical development workshops and the championships makes this a very attractive tournament for players and nations to attend.”

Additionally, BWF and various partners are organising other development projects to promote para-badminton in Brazil (three locations), Colombia, Toronto and Uganda in the coming months. It is envisaged these programmes will be the catalysts for further growth in the sport in the near future.

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Rather uncharacteristically, it was Mixed Doubles that created the most buzz around badminton at the Youth Olympic Games 2014.

In a historic first, players from nations which had only previously faced each other across the net found themselves on the same side; while coaches who often use their wits against each other found themselves sitting side-by-side collaborating tactically. Spectators were treated to these unusual sights in Nanjing Sports Institute, venue of the badminton event from 17-22 August.

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“Mixed” Doubles steals the show

As Sri Lankan player Sachin Premashan Dias, who partnered China’s He Bing Jiao and won the bronze medal, said: “I didn’t know much about her, although I knew that she was runner-up at the World Junior Championships. It’s a good idea to pair players from different countries as it will help build friendships. We were able to communicate as she speaks a little English. Her coach too helped me. We were able to combine well since we practised together just before the competition started.”

Apart from the players, who were all enthused by the prospect of making new friends, coaches too seemed to be taken in by the novel concept. Korean coach Kang Kyung Jin sat beside his Chinese counterpart since their charges Kim Ga Eun and Lin Gui Pu were a pair.

“The ultimate salute to this spirit of cross-cultural friendship was the image of two players from differing countries – Hong Kong and Malaysia – standing atop the podium as winners of this unique Mixed Doubles format, flanked by four other nationalities as silver and bronze medallists. A concept introduced by the International Olympic Committee at the first Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010, mixed international teams featured even more prominently in Nanjing with 11 out of the 28 sports boasting this interesting twist.

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“It’s a good concept,” said Kang.

“These are young players, and when they partner players from another country, they can get to know each other. It’s good that they can enjoy the company of players from other countries.”

Players were confident that the relationships they built would last beyond the week of the Youth Olympics.

Given the random nature of the pairings, it was obvious from the start that seeded pairs would not necessarily perform well. Top seeds Ruslan Sarsekenov (Ukraine) and Akane Yamaguchi (Japan), for instance, did not advance from the group stage. Neither did ¾ seeds Lin Gui Pu (China) and Kim Ga Eun (Korea).

The Mixed Doubles was the only one of three finals without Chinese representation. Cheam June Wei (Malaysia) and Ng Tsz Yau (Hong Kong) held off the challenge of Kanta Tsuneyama (Japan)/Lee Chia Hsin (Chinese Taipei) 21-14 23-21 to emerge gold medallists. It was the sharpness of Ng Tsz Yau that decided the match, her spectacular interceptions and netplay left Tsuneyama and Lee short of ideas.

Sachin Dias/He Bing Jiao won the bronze medal play-off. Interestingly, that match featured two players from the same country across the net: Dias and He beat Mek Narongrit (Thailand) and He’s compatriot Qin Jinjing 21-16 21-18.

IOC President Thomas Bach was among the high-profile visitors to the badminton event. Bach and his entourage were welcomed by BWF Secretary General Thomas Lund and BWF Council Members Lawrence Chew, Li Lingwei, Peter Tarcala and Etienne Thobois.
SINGLES SUCCESS FOR CHINA

The singles finals at the Youth Olympics were a reversal of the results of the World Junior Championships in April.

In the all-China Men’s Singles final, Shi Yuqi proved too crafty for World Junior champion Lin Guo Pu, 21-15 21-19. Top seed Shi completed his victorious campaign without dropping a game in the tournament.

Indonesia’s Ginting Anthony beat India’s Aditya Joshi 21-17 21-16 in the bronze medal play-off.

China also won the Women’s Singles crown when He Bing Jiao upset two-time World Junior champion Akane Yamaguchi (Japan). In a dramatic final that had the full-house crowd on the edge of their seats, an exhausted He held her nerve – and withstood a match point against her – to outlast Yamaguchi 22-24 23-21 21-17 after 76 minutes of high-quality badminton.

Thailand’s Busanan Ongbumrungpan overpowered Chinese Taipei’s Lee Chia Hsin 21-7 21-12 for the bronze medal.

Lee Chia Hsin had earlier in the week caused the biggest upset of the group stage by beating 3/4 seed Qin Jinjing (China), preventing the World Junior semi-finalist from making it to the knockout stage.

Another upset in Women’s Singles was the defeat of Denmark’s world No.11 Mia Blichfeldt by Sri Lanka’s world No.59 Thilini Pramodika Hendahewa.

The BWF Sports Initiation Programme was one of the success stories of the Youth Olympic Games.

The programme facilitated interactions between players, former badminton stars, schoolchildren and the public. Athlete Role Models, Nathan Robertson (England) and Cheng Wen Hsing (Chinese Taipei), participated in activities at various locations to build awareness among athletes and schoolchildren of the demands of professional badminton. Robertson and Cheng met three groups of schoolchildren at the venue, signed autographs and distributed gift bags to them. The children – students from sports schools in Nanjing – were thrilled to meet the stars.

Robertson and Cheng also conducted coaching sessions and fun games for students at BWF’s Celebration Site where an outdoor court was set up. On the final day, Robertson, along with former Chinese internationals Lu Lan and Cheng Shu, participated in a Q&A session with the young players and schoolchildren and indulged in some fun activities.

“IT’s been a great experience,” said Robertson. “I didn’t expect the Games to be of this scale. Our programme has been designed around fun and interacting with the local sports schools so they have a chance to play with the YOG players.

“It’s really good fun. You can that the players are really bonding well. This is where they can start (breaking barriers), by mixing with other players at a young age.”
The feature speaker at the two-day event, held in conjunction with the Li-Ning BWF World Championships 2014 in Copenhagen, also stressed seven elements to build competitive performance: getting basic skills and keeping them sharp; getting fit to deliver those skills; getting faster at developing them; developing quality consistency; learning to deliver in adverse circumstances; reading the game and learning faster, and winning over and over again.

The key, he said, is to take personal ownership of every moment and turn it into opportunity to make a winning difference. ‘Considered risks’ are important to turn opportunity into advantage, while consistency at each performance is essential to achieving excellence.

The 3 Rs usually refer to “reading, writing and arithmetic” but legendary coach, Dr. Frank Dick, presented his unique version to participants at the World Championships Coach Forum 2014.

Addressing an audience of more than 80 on ‘The Winning Difference’, the legendary personality unveiled “the 3 Rs of Coaching” as he shared his success formulas: Responsibility for One’s Performance; Responsibility to Seek Coaching and Responsibility to Coach Other Players or Coaches.

It’s a combination which Dick called fundamental to learning new skills and motivating oneself. Additionally, he noted coaches need a “double vision” of dream (long-term strategy) and milestone (short-term goals).

Dick was British Athletics Federation’s Director of Coaching from 1979 to 1994, a period that saw the emergence of stalwarts like Daley Thompson, Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe. Dick also worked with athletes like Gerhard Berger, Katarina Witt and Boris Becker. He was inducted into the UK Coaches Hall of Fame in 1999 and conferred the title ‘UK Sporting Hero’ by Sport UK in 2001.

The forum, jointly hosted by Badminton Denmark and BWF, dealt with several themes such as Women’s Singles Training; Doubles Training; Talent Development; Teaching Games for Understanding, and Latest Badminton Specific Sports Science Research. Speakers at the Forum included Thomas Laybourn, former World champion in Mixed Doubles and coach of young talent; Bo Omosegaard, Manager of Talent Development at Badminton Denmark, and Christian Moller Madsen, High Performance Coach and PhD Scholar in physical training and testing of badminton players.

In brief welcome remarks, BWF Development Director Ian Wright lauded the calibre of the presenters participating in the conference. He noted the forum was another step in BWF’s “substantial investment in developing our sport”, following programmes such as Shuttle Time and BWF’s Coach Education framework.

“More recently we have also started to invest in badminton-specific sports science and you will see some of the first results of this investment during these sessions,” he said, adding BWF was pleased to partner with Badminton Denmark as that country has a great tradition in coach education and sports research.
Reports on five of six sports-science research projects commissioned by BWF last year have been submitted and have revealed interesting insights.

Last year, the BWF announced a research-grants programme for individuals or institutions requiring funding for sports-science applied research projects in badminton. The grants programme, totalling $40,000, was to build knowledge of badminton in areas such as physiology, biomechanics, sports psychology, performance analysis, match analysis, sports nutrition, sports anthropometry and sports injuries and injury prevention.

Here are findings from five of these research initiatives (the sixth is still pending):

**IMPACT OF EIGHT WEEKS OF PLYOMETRIC TRAINING ON JUMP PARAMETERS IN JUNIOR BADMINTON PLAYERS**

Hanno Felder, Michael Frohlich and Marcel Reuter’s research on a group of junior badminton players revealed the effects of plyometric training on aspects such as jumping height, agility and power. One of the important findings was that the contact height of the overhead smash was not increased with improved plyometric strength training, which indicated that in complex movements, the focus must be on technical training.

**THE EFFECT OF PERCEPTUAL TRAINING WITH ANXIETY ON THE ANTICIPATORY JUDGMENTS OF ELITE BADMINTON PLAYERS**

David Alder, Joe Causer and Paul R Ford researched the effects of video simulation to improve anticipation during high anxiety conditions among elite players. Among the conclusions was that the improvements in anticipation from video training under high anxiety were retained in later high-anxiety conditions, whereas training with low anxiety did not improve anticipation.

**NEUROMUSCULAR FATIGUE FOLLOWING A SINGLES BADMINTON MATCH**

Ryan Lin’s study investigated changes in knee extensor neuromuscular function and muscle soreness after a simulated one-hour badminton singles match in relation to the number of lunges performed in the match, since lunges were believed to cause significant muscle damage. Ten state level badminton players were recruited for the study, with each playing eight simulated one-hour matches. The conclusion was that central and peripheral factors contributed to alterations in neuromuscular fatigue.

**THE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY OF AN ESTABLISHED SERIES OF BADMINTON-SPECIFIC FIELD TESTS**

Michael G Hughes, Lorenzo Pugliese and Martin Andrew investigated the reliability and validity of Badminton England’s junior fitness-testing programme. The study used fitness-test procedures identical to those used by Badminton England; historical data was used in a few cases. A group of Italian junior national squad players was tested and, by comparing them with England players matched for gender, age and height, the study found that the players from the higher-ranked nation (England) performed significantly better in both the general speed test and the agility test. The procedures and data from the English junior testing programme may thus be a useful resource in helping to guide fitness development in junior players from all nations.

**EFFECT OF CARBOHYDRATE AND CAFFEINE INGESTION ON BADMINTON PERFORMANCE FOLLOWING FATIGUING EXERCISE**

Twelve male badminton players were tested for the effects of a solution containing caffeine and carbohydrate on service accuracy. Earlier studies have documented the maintenance of badminton service accuracy with carbohydrate intake after fatiguing exercise, and the increase in tennis service velocity following caffeine supplementation. The study clearly showed that a caffeinated carbohydrate solution improved short and long serve accuracy, besides preserving reaction time and 5m sprinting speed. The study was conducted by Neil D Clarke and Michael J Duncan.
“This is an important year for junior badminton,” declared BWF Events Chair, Peter Tarcala, at the conclusion of the annual continental confederations’ Events Workshop in early September.

He was referring to the revision of the world junior rankings to take into account players’ seven-best performances over a year instead of their five-best. This was highlighted during the one-day forum as a key step for junior badminton. The BWF Council had previously approved this change but this meeting was the first opportunity for continental representatives to deliberate its impact and consider the way forward.

“For the world junior rankings we will introduce a new points system from September. As we introduce the new points system for the world junior rankings and we count more tournaments for junior rankings, we encourage continental confederations to sanction more junior tournaments,” he said.

Overall, Tarcala was happy with the outcomes of the workshop and recounted various positives.

The world-governing body’s recent partnership with the World Academy of Sport, he noted, will help address such shortfalls with the establishment of tailor-made programmes for BWF affiliates in three key areas: administration, event management and player-pathway management. The latter is the first of these initiatives to be piloted in Guatemala (See Page ???) by the Badminton Pan Am Confederation.

“These are some important ways in which we can assist our membership to improve their skills and better guarantee the sustainability of our development programmes,” explained Cabello.

Another matter which the Development forum looked at was the future of BWF’s Schools Programme “Shuttle Time” which has been growing rapidly with implementation taking place in more than 70 countries.

“We’re very happy our members have received Shuttle Time so well. We underestimated the possibilities for this programme. We didn’t expect to get as many applications as we have received. Now, we need to balance this momentum with the sustainability of Shuttle Time projects in various countries,” noted the Development Chair.

“Projects, expectations, and to find a balance regarding how to improve.”

Meanwhile BWF Development Chair, David Cabello, disclosed some of the main outcomes from the continental Development Workshop which took earlier in the same week; one being to upgrade the human-resources capability of continental confederations and member associations.

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PILOT TAKES OFF!

Pan Am-member countries engrossed in the three-day session in Guatemala.

An exciting new partnership between World Academy of Sport and BWF has started with a pilot programme for Badminton Pan Am Confederation.

The WAoS, headquartered in Manchester, England, specialises in delivering learning programmes for athletes, managers, administrators, officials and coaches. A pilot of the WAoS High Performance Pathways Programme was delivered to 14 member associations of the Pan Am Confederation for three days beginning Tuesday 30 September in Guatemala City. BWF Development Director Ian Wright was among those participating in this inaugural course with World Academy of Sport Director, Chris Solly, playing a leading role.

Member associations sent representatives connected to their technical staff to the course. Badminton Pan Am Chief Operating Officer Pilar Carrillo was excited about the prospects which this programme offers when she was recently at BWF’s office in Kuala Lumpur.

“It will be great for us. We think it’s a good opportunity for the technical directors of our member associations to get a good understanding of, not only how to coach, but also how to prepare players for high performance. It’s not just a technical issue, it’s about learning administration, managing and planning. The idea is to have this pilot project and for BWF to evaluate it at the end and see how to improve it in the future,” she explained.

It’s significant the pilot is being conducted in Guatemala which has an extensive coach education and grassroots programme to scout talented youngsters. Once players are identified, they relocate to the national training centre where all their training, educational, medical and other needs are met.

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As the Rio Olympics stand out on the horizon, this is an important period for the Badminton Pan Am Confederation.

“We at Pan Am are working closely with the BWF on the Rio Project. Four years ago we started to identify the needs of Rio de Janeiro. Badminton is not so developed there,” acknowledged the official.

“We built up the support of coaches to run different programmes to showcase our sport. We have had a specific plan for Rio. We follow all the agreements or needs with the Rio Organising Committee. Badminton is growing in the Pan Am region and these programmes from World Academy of Sport will help it develop further.”

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