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ASSEMBLY PROVIDED MANY MEETING OPPORTUNITIES

International Softball Federation President Don Porter met with a number of government sports ministers, International Olympic Committee (IOC), and National Olympic Committee (NOC) officials during his time in Moscow last week when he attended the XVIII General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees. Also attending were ISF officials Bob Steffy (Guam) and Romell Knowles (Bahamas), representing their NOCs. Mr. Porter is currently in Lausanne for meetings with the IOC.

MORE BOARD ELECTIONS

Further to the item in the April 4 UPDATE that reported on the Pan American Softball Confederation board, the leaders for two other regional bodies in the Americas have also been formalized for the next four years. The Central American & Caribbean Softball Confederation re-elected Carlos Lopez (Puerto Rico) as president as well as Antonio Morales (Colombia) as 1st vice president, Roberto Espinoza (Nicaragua) as VP/Central America, and Miguel Acosta (Cuba) as VP/Spanish-speaking Caribbean. Newly elected officers include Oscar Osorio of Honduras as secretary general, Andres Montes Chavero of Mexico as 2nd vice president, and Belize's Patrick Henry as VP/English-speaking Caribbean.

The South American Softball Confederation held their elections as well. The officers are: Antonio Morales (Colombia), president, Javier Anaya Lorduy (Colombia), secretary-treasurer, Nicky Medina (Ecuador), vice president, and Jacinto Cipriota (Argentina), Endy Croes (Aruba), and Ramón Balid P. (Panama), Members.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE MULTI-SPORT GAMES SOFTBALL

Both men's and women's softball were among the sports selected recently by the Canada Games Council for the 2017 Canada Summer Games programme. The sport of softball has been part of the CSG since 1969. Held once every two years, alternating between winter and summer, the Canada Games represent the highest level of national competition for up and coming Canadian athletes. The 2017 edition will be held in Manitoba.



Meanwhile, Belize will host the English-speaking Caribbean qualifier for next year's 9th World Games. Women's fast pitch softball is among the sports that will be contested in July 2013 in Cali, Colombia. This year, from November 27-December 3, teams from the region will converge on Belize City for one of the eight spots available in next year's multi-sport event. At the last edition of the World Games (2009), Japan defeated Chinese Taipei, 4-2, in the gold medal game.



SOFTBALL TICKETS SELLING

There is still time to buy tickets for three upcoming international softball tournaments. From June 27-July 2 in Oklahoma City (USA), the women's national fast pitch team from Australia, Brazil, Canada, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and USA will all compete in World Cup of Softball 7, an invitational event sanctioned by the ISF. Tickets can be purchased online at www.softballoutlet.com. From June 30-July 9 in Surrey, British Columbia, the Canadian Open International Fastpitch Championship will again take place. In addition to competition in other categories, women's national teams will compete in the international division. Buy tickets online for that event through www.canadianopenfastpitch.com.

And, the pinnacle women's fast pitch tournament, the ISF XIII Women's World Championship, will be held in Whitehorse, Yukon (Canada) from July 13-22. Sixteen women's national teams will participate. Visit www.worldfastpitch2012.com for ticket information and much more.



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