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PEOPLE IN SPORT HISTORY - SPORT HISTORY FOR PEOPLE

BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

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performances (Rensons 2004). The globalization process in action among worldwide cultures strongly influences ludodiversity and assists homogenization with a tendency to reduce the existing worldwide ludodiversity to a movement monoculture where a modern Western sport model of achievement is dominant (Maguire 1999) to the detriment of non-Western movement cultures and the worldwide cultural heritage.

In order to understand the characteristics of this process, a quality research has been carried out by the author, analysing 30 projects led by 4 western Ngo's in Africa, South America and Asia who largely use sport to address a variety of aspects: peace-building and conflict resolution, social inclusion, non-medical approach to overcome traumas among communities affected by disasters and economic development of local communities (Digennaro 2007).

B 2, Friday, 11.30 - 13.00
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Revolution in Polish Soccer Historiography. The Story of the Fuji Football Encyclopedia Project

Between 1991 and 2007 over 50 volumes of the FUJI Football Encyclopedia were issued in Poland by the GiA Publishing House. The authors offered a radically new approach to the history of the game in the country, free of censorship interferences. They also rectified lots of widespread factual errors that had been committed by generations of football historians. The aim of the present paper is to estimate the reception of the new vision among the Polish soccer gurus and fans.

The volumes of the FUJI Football Encyclopedia, other Polish soccer "bibles", as well as numerous press reviews and polemics concerning the subject were researched. Some of the Encyclopedia's authors (including Andrzej Gowarzewski, a leading Polish soccer historian and the project manager) were interviewed. The methods of source analysis, deduction, induction and comparison were applied to prepare the paper.

Several conservative experts and fans have protested against refutations of some of the myths relating to the Polish football history. This has led to the bizarre phenomenon of two parallel traditions of Polish soccer. However, as the years go by, the interpretation of the FUJI Football Encyclopedia's authors seems to be accepted by an increasing number of readers.

The collected data show that Western achievement sports disciplines like football, basketball and volleyball are the most used and only a little part of activities is dedicated to local folk games with a consequent reduction of the cultural heritage and ludodiversity of the communities involved.

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By the light of these facts, stronger efforts have to be made in order to facilitate a more specific use of folk games as part of international cooperation project. Guidelines have to be proposed aiming at offering a specific framework regarding the ways to use sport and promote/preserve local sport history and ludodiversity.

B 3, Friday, 14.00 - 16.00
STEPONAS GE AS

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Some Aspects of the Olympic Education

In year 2009 we will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the International Olympic Academy founded by the International Olympic Committee. Also, 2009 will signal the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Olympic Academies of the Baltic States