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President’s Report 2005

While members have been forced to wait for our Conference in Beijing, I am sure that all who attend will be academically and culturally enriched. I thank the Executive for their hard work over the last year and I believe the Society is now in a position to move into the future with some degree of optimism. The immediate challenges come from a need to increase membership and journal subscriptions - a challenge we have faced for the past few years. The successful publication of a quality journal will assist the improvement of our credibility and acceptance on the world stage.

I have worked on a number of issues during the last two years and hope that following the Beijing AGM and Executive Meetings that we can move forward on these issues.

Constitution

A draft modification of our constitution has now been produced which will be circulated to members prior to the Conference.

- Structure the constitution such that it is a more fluent document. Changes should consider history, while at the same time reflecting the views of current members.

- Specifically we need to address how membership can best be increased. This is closely related to the subscription to the journal, Sports Biomechanics being part of the membership package.

- The cost of “life members” and “fellows” to the Society must be considered - this is also a reflection of linking journal subscription to membership, which I believe is essential.

A “membership committee”, needs to be added that could logically be chaired by the President. We need to aggressively seek new members from both those countries with relatively high current membership, while also targeting countries such as Japan, South Korea, China and Taiwan, where we could improve membership numbers dramatically. Countries such as mentioned above have a keen interest in sport biomechanics and we should attempt to attract their scientists as members.

Journal

One must start this section by thanking Professor Roger Bartlett for his efforts on behalf of the Society. His leadership has lead to an improvement in the quality and quantity of papers. He has also required the Executive Editorial Board play an active role in the journal by writing review papers and has worked tirelessly to secure ISI citation status for the journal. Senior members of the Society should ensure that they contribute quality papers to the journal. From a leadership perspective I have now had an article (hopefully good article) published in each issue of the journal.

One should also single out Professor Young-Hoo Kwon for his efforts to improve the quality and increase the occurrence of our newsletter.

We need to expand journal circulation and to this end I have spoken to Professor Shinji Sakurai from the Japanese Society of Biomechanics. The idea would be to provide the journal to other National Biomechanics Societies at a reduced rate compared with the full cost for non-members. The goal will be to finalise approaches to a number of these groups in Beijing. The ISBS must also take more responsibility for marketing the journal to increase its readership and financial return.

Sponsorship

Currently sponsors are linked to selected prizes (Dyson, Young Investigator awards and so on) as well as to a conference. We need to move towards sponsors that would support our charter - not only research (eg Peak, now linked to Oxford Metrics) but coach application (eg Quintic, SiliconCoach and so on).
**Tutorials**
These should be organised at each of our Conferences. We could target a specific topic for each Conference - possible linked to the laboratory direction of the conference organiser, but co-organised by a Director. I really believe one Tutorial and one Laboratory approach (a series of labs on a common theme for undergraduate students) should occur at each of our meetings. They could be scheduled on the afternoon of the 1st day if the Conference was to start in the early evening. Some topics (very brief) could be:

- 3D motion in an outdoor setting
- Computer simulation or inverse dynamics in sport
- EMG: a determinant of muscle activity
- Marker set development in movement analysis
- Analysis approaches in sport - coaching feedback
- Force measurement in sport
- Laboratories to illustrate kinetics and movement

A fee would be charged (small for students) and the profits shared by the presenter and Society.

**Applied program**
Link between Executive and Conference organisers. At least one applied program should occur at each Conference to show that we are addressing our Charter (see above re, tutorial and laboratory sessions). This would clearly link practitioners to the Congress. I actually prefer two applied programs per Congress, but do not wish to overload Congress organisers.

I am sure the Society is in good hands when Professor Hermann Schwameder takes control following the AGM in Beijing - I wish him well.

Bruce Elliott
President ISBS

**VP Public Relations Report 2005**
This will be my final report as the Public Relations officer for ISBS. I have enjoyed serving the society and am humbled by the time consuming efforts put forward by other executive council members. I especially appreciate the professional relationships that have stemmed from my service.

You may recall that my two priorities as the public relations officer for this year were to pursue affiliations and to seek sponsors for ISBS. With respect to affiliations, the International Society of Engineering in Sport (ISEA) has agreed to collaborate with ISBS. This is good news as the affiliation may have the following benefits:

- Mutual promotion of the two organizations and their activities.
- Exchange of newsletters and mail-out to our respective members.
- Discount registration at our respective conferences.
- Discount subscription for our respective journals.
- Joint organization of specialist events in years that do not coincide with our conferences.

A similar affiliation is in the works with the International Society of Biomechanics (ISB). In their efforts, ISB has graciously promoted our society in their upcoming newsletter and is planning other methods to jointly improve our two societies.

Sponsorships are never easy, and although some good ideas have been generated on how to attract sponsors we have been unsuccessful. In retrospect, I feel that pursuing sponsors should have been my number one priority instead of affiliations given the difficulty in “shaking loose the funds.” The bottom line is that clear incentives need to be agreed upon by the members before the public relations officer can aggressively pursue the sponsors. Incentives that have been proposed include: reduced rates for commercial exhibits at the annual symposium, advertisement sections for logos on our ISBS website, and corporate memberships that offer multiple copies of the Sport Biomechanics Journal. Your feedback is always welcome.
hope you all will attend the upcoming conference planned for ISBS in Beijing, China.

Eadric Bressel
VP Public Relations

**VP Awards Report 2005**

The Beijing symposium is nearly upon us, and I would like to take this opportunity to report on the activities of the Awards Committee. Its main focus since the last symposium in Ottawa has been to consider nominations for the Dyson Lecturer, Fellow and Life Member. This process is now complete, and at the time of writing the ISBS Executive is ratifying the selections. The Awards Committee’s other key role is to select the winner of the New Investigator Award. Normally this occurs at the symposium itself, but due to the large number of applicants, the process has been altered such that the Awards Committee now reviews all of the papers submitted for the New Investigator award. This provides the Committee members with a large amount of information about the quality of papers and allows a ‘short list’ to be established, from which it is expected that the winner will be selected.

This is my last report as Vice-President of awards, as I will be stepping down after 4 years in the post. I would like to thank past Awards Committee members Barbara Gowitzke and Pekka Luhtanen, who gave their time and expertise during my time as Chair. I would also like to thank the current members: John Blackwell (Secretary General), Youlian Hong (Vice President, Conferences and Meetings), Hermann Schwameder (President Elect) and Duane Knudson (Board member), who have cooperated to make my job easier. Finally, I would like to wish my successor, Richard Smith, the best of luck for the future. I’m sure that he will do an excellent job. See you in Beijing!

Stuart Miller
VP Awards

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**ISBS Election 2005 - Results**

The total vote count was 50 this time. The following people were elected to the Executive Council and Board of Directors.

**Executive Council:**  
VP Awards: Richard Smith  
VP Conferences and Meetings: Youlian Hong  
Treasurer: Manfred Vieten  
Secretary General: John Blackwell

**Directors (2005-2007):**  
Duane Knudson

Pam Russell  
Mario Lamontagne  
Wayne Marino  
Drew Harrison  
Uwe Kersting  
Young-Tae Lim  
Spiros Prassas  
Bill Sands  
Richard Smith  

Congratulations, y’all!

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**ISBS Annual Symposia**

**ISBS 2005, Beijing, China**

Submitted by Youlian Hong, VP Conferences and Meetings, and Qing Wang, Chair of ISBS 2005.

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**Paper Submission**

Due the deadline of paper submission (15 April), a total of 297 were submitted to ISBS 2005 Scientific Committee (not including papers of the invited speakers). After an extensive review, 241 papers were accepted or considered for
acceptance. Papers are from PR China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, UK, Italy, Spain, Portugal, USA, Canada, other European and American countries (15) and other Asian countries (12). Among all papers, 27 are applied for bidding the NIA.


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### Accommodation

The Capital Hotel, a four-star hotel, will be the conference venue and also the accommodation for participants. The hotel has been chosen to host various international meetings due to its good services, relatively low prices and convenient location: 1.5 kilometers from the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the most famous shopping center in the city. The hotel will provide you with full services such as airport car-service, credit card, currency exchange, business, travel agency and so on. The negotiated cost for double room is US$70 per night.

The Beijing Dongjiaominxiang hotel, a three-star hotel near the Capital Hotel, is also available to the participants. The cost for a double room is US$52 per night.

The participants can choose where to stay based on their own needs. However, it is recommended that the Capital Hotel is selected since it is the more convenient to attend the activities of the conference.

### Academic Programs

The conference includes keynote speeches, oral presentations and poster presentations.

**Geoffrey Dyson Memorial Lecture:**

Dr. Roger Bartlett, New Zealand: Future Trends in Sports Biomechanics

**Keynote Speakers:**

For plenary sessions
- Dr. Albert Gollihofer, Germany: Adaptive responses of neuromuscular system to training
- Dr. Peter Brueggemann, Germany: Biological and biomechanical limits in artistic gymnastics
- Dr. Joseph Hamill, USA: Using Coordination Measures for Movement Analysis
- Dr. Qing Wang, China: How we applied sport biomechanics to the preparations for the Olympic Games
- Dr. Mario Lamontagne, Canada: What can we learn from in vivo biomechanical investigations
- Dr. Youlian Hong, Hong Kong: Biomechanics of Oriental Martial art-Tai Chi
- Dr. Shinji Sakurai, Japan: Biomechanics for special population

For applied sessions
- Dr. Dietmar Schmidtbleicher, Germany: Vibration training in rehabilitation
- Dr. Bruce Mason, Australia: Biomechanical analysis in swimming technique

### Social Activities

**The overall program:** Includes tours of the Great Wall, Longjing Gorge, Forbidden City, and Tiananmen Square and so on. In addition, you will enjoy Beijing opera shows.

**Possible tours:** If visitors are interested in the
following tours after the conference, we shall help them contact an official travel agency.

Beijing
Summer Palace/Yuanmingyuan tour
Beijing local alleys/courtyard homes tour

Other Cities
3 days/2 nights Xi’an tour
4 days/3 nights Shanghai/Suzhou/Hangzhou tour
5 days/4 nights Kunming/Guilin tour

Registration Fee

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*Everybody who sends the registration form to ISBS2005 by July 1 will be allowed to pay the early registration fee on spot.

Registration fee covers:
- Beijing International Airport courtesy pickup and drop off
- Admission to all basic research sessions, applied sessions and exhibitions
- Scientific Proceedings
- Satchel
- Opening banquet and farewell party
- Coffee breaks, lunch and dinner
- Tour to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City
- Tour to the Great Wall and the Longqing Gorge
- Beijing Opera
- Sessions of Applied Program

Important Dates
- Notification of acceptance by June 1, 2005.
- Early registration by July 1, 2005.
- Registration and Welcome Reception, August 22, 2005.

Preliminary Program

August 22, 2005 (Monday):
8:30 – 24:00 Registration
Pre-Conference Meeting
19:30 – 21:30 Welcome Reception

August 23, 2005 (Tuesday):
8:30 - 9:00 Opening Ceremony
9:00 - 10:00 Memorial Lecture
10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster 1
11:00 - 12:30 Oral Presentation
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 14:30 Keynote Lecture 1
14:30 - 15:30 Keynote Lecture 2
15:30 - 16:30 Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster 2
16:30 - 18:30 Oral Presentation
19:00 - 21:00 Dinner

August 24, 2005 (Wednesday):
8:30 - 9:30 Keynote Lecture 3
9:30 - 10:30 Keynote Lecture 4
10:30 - 11:30 Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster 3
11:30 - 12:30 Oral Presentation
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 14:30 Keynote Lecture 5
14:30 - 15:30 Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster 4
15:30 - 18:00 Oral Presentation
18:30 - 23:00 Dinner and Beijing Opera

August 25, 2005 (Thursday):
8:30 - 9:30 Keynote Lecture 6
9:30 - 10:30 Keynote Lecture 7
10:30 - 11:30 Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster 5
11:30 - 12:30 Oral Presentation
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 14:30 Keynote Lecture 8
14:30 - 15:30 Keynote Lecture 9
15:30 - 16:30 Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster 6
16:30 - 18:00 Oral Presentation
18:00 - 19:00 General Conference Meeting
19:00 - 21:00 Dinner
August 26, 2005 (Friday):
6:30 - 24:00 Visiting the Great Wall and Long Qing Gorge
Evening Party at the Great Wall

August 27, 2005 (Saturday):
8:30 - 12:00 Visiting the Forbidden City
12:30 - 19:00 Lunch and Shopping (free)
19:00 - 22:00 Closing Banquet

August 28, 2005 (Sunday):
0:00 – 24:00 Departure and Post conference Meeting

Weather Info
The temperature varies from 14 to 34 with mean value 23° C. The relative humidity is about 20%
in early morning and 40-50% in midday. It is basically dry, daily sunshine, and comfortable.

ISBS 2006, Salzburg, Austria
Submitted by Hermann Schwameder, Chair of ISBS 2006.

The website for the XXIV ISBS Symposium, July 14-18, 2006 in Salzburg, Austria has been installed: www.isbs2006.at. Further information regarding the conference will be continuously updated.

ISBS 2007, Call for Proposal

This the second call for submission of proposal to host the 24th International Symposium on Biomechanics in Sports (ISBS 2007). If you are interested in hosting this conference, please submit your proposal to me by 31 May 2005 or as soon as possible. As the proposal needs to follow the correct format, when you prepare the proposal, please refer to ISBS web site (http://isbs.org) “How to submit a proposal to host an ISBS conference”. You also need to show that your institution supports your proposal. For anyone wanting further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at the following email address: youlianhong@uhk.edu.hk.

Please send your electronic file of the proposals to me. Proposals will be distributed to all Executives of ISBS for review and decision will be made during the ISBS2005 in Beijing, August 22-27, 2005. Proposals from any geographical regions and any countries are welcome; however, according to the geographical rotation of the place of ISBS conference, proposals from the Americas will be given the priority.

Youlian Hong
VP Conferences and Meetings

‘Sports Biomechanics’

Editor’s Report, March 2005

Given a fair wind and a little luck, the January 2005 issue of Sports Biomechanics should have been the first issue of Sports Biomechanics to appear on schedule; three issues appearing on schedule is a prerequisite for a journal’s listing in the ISI Citation Statistics. Having a good citation rating is an absolute necessity if the Journal is to survive in the medium- to long-term. Members of ISBS and other potential contributors are the main factor here, because no journal can publish to schedule unless sufficient good quality papers are submitted. Alas, the fair wind and good luck deserted us; because of confusion on the membership list and payments, the January issue, although printed and ready to go out that month, did not get posted until March. However, these difficulties have now been resolved, and the July issue should appear on schedule as ten papers have already been accepted, which should be more than enough to fill that issue.

Potential contributors are reminded that Sports Biomechanics encourages publication of qualitative analyses, papers relating to teaching in sports biomechanics or new methods or theoretical perspectives, two-dimensional movement analyses – particularly when the
movement analyzed is essentially planar and the limitations are clearly acknowledged - and research using single-individual designs. In the context of the last of these, increasing recognition is being given to the major limitations of group designs in sports biomechanics research, given that individuals adopt different movement strategies from one another in response to various task, biomechanical and environmental constraints. Averaging movements across groups often provides a result that is not representative of any individual in the group.

The Guidelines for Authors have been extended, and the extended version has been published on the Journal’s website. As I noted in my July 2004 editorial, but worth restating here, contributors are, first and foremost, responsible for ensuring that their papers correspond with the guidelines for Sports Biomechanics, not the editor, the publishers or the reviewers. I shall adopt a more assertive position on this in 2005, refusing to send for review papers that depart significantly from our guidelines and refusing to accept for publication any that would mean major editing, which usually adds to the cost of publication at the proof stage.

The journal continues to publish across a wide

spread of sports, with submissions from across the globe. I am grateful to our reviewers who, with few exceptions, enable two-month turnarounds of most papers submitted.

Roger Bartlett, Editor

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Airmail Option for the SB

SB issues are currently posted via surface mail. This causes a considerable amount of delay (up to 4 weeks) in delivering the issues to the members. While printing the issues on time is important, delivering the issues to the readership as early as possible is also important. Several members already have expressed their interest in the airmail option and it will be discussed during the Pre-Conference meeting and the AGM.

Young-Hoo Kwon
VP Publications

ISBS Website News

The ISBS website has recently moved to a new location (Texas Woman’s University):
http://www.twu.edu/biom/isbs. If you have not done yet, visit the new site today. And don’t forget to update your links. http://isbs.org is still valid and will be forwarded to the new site automatically.

The new site is still under construction and this will go on for another 2-3 months for a complete facelift. The services currently not available include:

- Who’s Who
- Paper Search for the ISBS Proceedings

The Who’s Who service will be replaced by a personal homepage list. Announcements will be made shortly for this.

I will put every effort to restore the paper search service but that depends on the technical support I can get from TWU. In this regard, I need your help as well.

The most urgent task at hand is to enrich the Website with useful information. In my personal assessment, some of the pages could be improved substantially, especially the Resources page. But this task is impossible without your help. I plan to form a group of webmasters and revisit all pages with a more critical look.
If you have any inputs & ideas for the new website and/or you are interested in serving as a webmaster, please contact me at ykwon@mail.twu.edu.

I’d like to use this opportunity to thank Hans and Manfred for all their efforts in building and maintaining the ISBS website for years.

Young-Hoo Kwon, Webmaster

Announcements

Y-ROBOTS Award Call for Applications

Submitted by Mario Lamontagne, University of Ottawa.

The International Centre of Orthopaedic Research, Education, and Treatment (ICORET) is pleased to announce a special award for young researchers of orthopaedics, biomechanics/biology, operative techniques, and sports – the Y-ROBOTS Award. The award recipient is offered a certificate, a monetary award of 5000 €, a reimbursement of the registration fee of the Congress and consideration for publication in Knee Surgery, Sports Traumatology, Arthroscopy after the peer review.

Deadline: October 1, 2005

Requirements: Candidates must submit a full length manuscript for presentation, be less than 40 years of age or within 8 years of his/her last academic degree (Ph.D. or M.D.) by 1 October, 2005. The candidate must be the major contributor to the research presented as well as being the first author of the manuscript. If selected as a finalist, the candidate must personally present the paper at the 9th International Conference in Orthopaedics, Biomechanics and Sports Rehabilitation in Assisi, Perugia, Italy.

For further information and application, please visit www.letpeoplemove.com.

Upcoming Conferences

Submitted by Gay Christopher, Texas Woman’s University. Send email to garyalan59@mstar.net to update the conference list.

♠ XXth ISB Congress & 29th ASB Annual Meeting
Aug 1-5, 2005; Cleveland, Ohio, USA
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
http://www.isb2005.org/

♠ XXIIIrd International Symposium on Biomechanics in Sports (ISBS 2005)
Aug 22-27, 2005, Beijing, China
China Society of Sport Biomechanics
China Institute of Sport Science

♠ XIVth ESMAC Annual Meeting
Sept 22-24, 2005, Barcelona, Spain

European Society of Movement Analysis for Adults and Children:
esmac2005@biomecanica.net

♠ 27th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society
Sept 1-4, 2005, Shanghai, China
IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society
http://www.ieee.org/EMBC05shanghai/index.html

♠ HFES 49th Annual Meeting
Sep 26-30, 2005, Orlando, Florida, USA
Human Factors & Ergonomics Society
http://hfes.org/meetings/menu.html
ISBS welcomes the following new members who joined the Society since the last list was published:

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Editor’s Corner

This is the fourth issue published since we decided to go for quarterly publication of the Newsletter in Ottawa. Other than the Winter 2004 issue, NLs were published fairly on time and with which I am quite pleased. I’d like to thank all of you who have contributed to the NLs for the last a year period.

NL Volume 21 No. 3:
The deadline for the Fall-2005 issue is Sept 15, 2005. Please submit the NL materials to:

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The Fall-2005 issue will be dedicated to the aftermath of ISBS 2005, Beijing. Please send me your experiences at and reflections of ISBS 2005. Photos are welcome. Contributions from student members are especially encouraged.

Any suggestions regarding the Newsletter are welcome, too. Those who would like to serve on the Newsletter Editorial Committee please let me know.

I wish those of you who are in the Northern Hemisphere a cool summer. Those of you who are in the Southern Hemisphere, have a warm winter!

With Texan hot regards,

Young-Hoo Kwon, Editor