



## IV NATIONAL SEMINAR WOMEN AND SPORT REPORT

### „PRESENT TIME” WOMEN IN SPORT OF SERBIA 2011

Continuing its activities and the successful work, the Commission Women and Sport of the Olympic Committee of Serbia, together with the Faculty of Physical Education in Belgrade and the Secretariat for Sports and Youth of Belgrade, organised on May 12, 2011 the Fourth National Seminar, with extensive program and even bigger goals.

The 4<sup>th</sup> National Seminar was inaugurated by the President of the Olympic Committee of Serbia, Vlade Divac. Participants were also addressed by the Dean of the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Belgrade, Mr. Dusan Mitic, and Miss. Ana Kosovac on behalf of the Ministry for Youth and Sports of Serbia. The Seminar was attended by representatives of Serbian Sport Union, Belgrade Secretariat for Sports and Youth, Belgrade Sport Union and the Secretariat for Youth and Sports of the Province of Vojvodina.

Over 120 participants who attended the Seminar expressed great satisfaction with high quality lectures. We are proud to say that we saw and heard our eminent experts in sports and other area of activities that are inextricably linked to sports and that make an integral part of education.

The number of present participants showed that the goal set last year was achieved, which was to establish a network that would achieve its full recognition and promotion by ensuring continuity and funding of various programs of women's sport.

After the lecture, which included the most current topics, the workshop participants, whose structure this year was different from previous ones, because a large number them was included in the „Network”, demonstrated a significant interest in a more comprehensive action towards the goals outlined by the NOC Serbia Commission Women and Sport and their willingness to engage in this process. It was agreed that the next meeting would be organized in form of discussions on 4 June within the Women's Sport Festival in Ada Ciganlija. In addition, the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education will issue a special number of „Physical Education” journal dedicated to the works from this seminar.

#### **Program of the seminar included the following lectures:**

- **Women in the NOC Serbia Programme – Experiences from the previous and the strategy of the current 2008-2012 Olympic Cycle** - Prof. Branislav Jevtic, Ph.D., NOC Serbia Sports Director and Associate Professor of the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Sport and Physical Education
- **Specificity of Sports Training of Women** - Irina Juhas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Sport and Physical Education
- **Training Aspect of Working with Women Athletes** - Jorge Luis Matos Froneta, Serbian Women's Boxing Team Coach

- **Sport in Function of Health** - Dr. Med. Sci. Sanja Mazić, Vice Director for Sports Medicine, Institute of Sport and Sports Medicine of the Republic of Serbia
- **Sports Triad** - Prof. Marina Djordjevic Nikic, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Sport and Physical Education
- **Media - Women Sports Journalists and Visibility of Women's Sport** - Bojana Šumonja, Journalist
- **Position of Women in Sport in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina** - Prof. Visnja Đorđić, Ph.D., Associate Professor of the University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sport and Physical Education and Marija Srđić, NGO "Center for Support of Women", Kikinda
- **Contribution of Sport in Reducing Traditional Gender Differences** - Ljubica Bačanac, Ph.D. and Milica Nikolic, Institute of Sport and Sports Medicine of the Republic of Serbia
- **Violence - Mobbing, How to Recognize and Deal with It** - Dragan Milivojevic, Ph.D., Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist and Anti-mobbing Center President

Significant contribution to the Seminar was given through introductions of each topic by moderators of segments - Olga Acic (Elite sport), Jelica Kalenić (Medicine), Snezana Pantović (Research on Women in Sport), Vesna Milanovic (Psychological and Legal Aspects of Sports).

Besides the lectures that were held, current and former top level athletes, through their vast experience have shown that they can offer, especially to the new generations, examples of outstanding ability, determination and will to achieve our common goals. One of the most beautiful moments of the Seminar was when our celebrated athletes, past and present, introduced themselves and presented their journey through sport: Zoran Arunović, Zorica Bjelić, Olivera Dragicevic, Nikolina and Olivera Moldovan, Anđelija Arbutina, Bojana Milosevic, Snezana Jolović Pajkic, Svetlana Obućina and Olga Acić. We thank all of them for recognizing the importance and willingness to come and through their own example encourage women to find and exercise their rights and their place in the sport.

Seminar participants were informed that the Commission, through their own efforts, managed to negotiate special conditions for university education of selected women at the Faculty of Sport Management of the Alpha University. Also, in cooperation with the NOC Serbia Health Commission, it was agreed that the network members are enabled to get free medical check in November, at one of the Medical Centers in Belgrade.

In the forthcoming period, Women and Sport Commission of the Olympic Committee of Serbia will work to achieve the following objectives:

- Expand and strengthen communication within the Women in Sport Network
- Demonstrate possibilities of developing women's sport through the feedback of network members
- Continue to act, with the help of network members, on the realization of recommendations from 2010 at all levels (national and local, within the NOC and the Sports Association of Serbia, National Sports Federations, universities and academic institutions, Institutes of Sport Serbia and Provinces and finally the media).
- Encourage motivation among women of all ages for sports
- Show the differences in the position of women in sport
- Point to the work and technology of training in women's sport
- Show the levels of the career development of women in sport
- Initiate women training and formation programs for certain positions in sports or continuation of their careers in sport
- Provide access to information and legal assistance in all aspects of involvement in sports
- Find ways to implement properly the Law on Sport in all aspects of sport
- Provide access to women's sport programmes

- Implement all programs to involve more women with disabilities in sports activities and projects
- Find all possible ways of funding for various women's sport programmes
- Education about the importance of sport and physical activity for health at all levels
- Promote the role of women in top level and recreation sport
- Recognition and application of measures against mobbing
- Establish the position of Ombudsman in the Ministry of Youth and Sports

We expect support and assistance of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, convinced that we will succeed in the most serious objective we have before us, which is the establishment of the institution of Ombudsman. We expect the assistance of the NOC Serbia Presidency in firmly supporting our conclusions.

We may conclude that these meetings have become a regular annual program activity of the NOC Serbia Women and Sport Commission and certainly in cooperation with other institutions and sports organizations. The Commission will continue to work on organizing an international conference every four years. This would contribute to networking with European institutions and organizations, sharing experiences, acquiring new knowledge and to implementation of major projects, including the latest project of the Commission for Women and Sport supported by the IOC Olympic Solidarity, entitled "Database on Participation of Women in the Sport of Serbia".

We hope that the Presidency of the Olympic Committee of Serbia will recognize the effort and work of our Commission and help us to implement our projects, because the number of interested and women involved in all structures of sport slowly grows, and in addition to praise, the support to intelligent and capable persons is necessary, regardless of their gender.

Finally, once again we wish to thank everyone who supported the realization of this Seminar, to the speakers for their exceptionally interesting lectures, guests from the Republic of Srpska for the preview of the film about young women football players from Banja Luka, and our top level athletes who shared their experiences with us.

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