2012 OSIC ANNUAL REPORT



Introduction

The following achievements were made in OSIC during the calendar year 2012, as extracted from four interim reports, January – April 2012, May-June 2012, July-9 November 2012, and 10 November – December. Following those is a report of the year's statistics for Queries, the OSIC Website, SPORT Discus with Full-Text, and Books Requested of USPL and Received in 2012.

January – April 2012

Sport Periodicals. A joint decision by the University Librarian, the OSIC Coordinator and the Serials Librarian, with input from the OSIC Library Assistant, resulted in removal of all sport periodicals from the OSIC Reading Room and their division into two collections: **OSIC Periodicals:** those related to Oceania and the International Olympics Committee and its arms. Back issues are kept in the OSIC Office; current issues are on display as explained below. **Library Periodicals:** all other sport serials. These were recatalogued and the back issues interfiled with other Library periodical back issues. Current issues are on display with OSIC Periodicals.



OSIC Reading Area

OSIC Reading Area. A small, comfortable reading area for sport periodicals was set up beside the OSIC Office prior to the beginning of Semester 1. It is furnished with a couch, two chairs, a small table, a bulletin board, current periodicals display shelves, and sport posters. Its purpose is to provide a quiet place for reading sport periodicals. All current sport periodicals are displayed there, whether part of the OSIC collection or the Periodicals collection.

Library Displays. OSIC was the first library section to book reservations for 2012 library displays. Four of them, all sport related, were scheduled and are intended to increase OSIC visibility. The first display, 4th Feb-17th Mar, featured the Rugby VI Nations tournament and was created by Pushpa Prasad with help from Attendant Joeli Vuniduvu. It featured rugby boots and an official Fiji Rugby Union (FRU) rugby ball, lent by FRU, which were returned to FRU when the display was dismantled.

The OSIC Office.

New IT Equipment from ONOC. A very generous ONOC donation of new IT equipment for the OSIC Office was received in mid-March, comprising a new computer for the OSIC Coordinator (CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, headset) and a combination printer/copier/scanner with B/W and colour output. Many thanks to ONOC for this valuable and generous donation!

Changes. During this report period, the following changes were made within OSIC:

• The Serials Attendants with their furniture were moved to a location near the OSIC Reading Area, a change requested by the OSIC Coordinator. The UL and Serials Librarian were instrumental in making this change and the latter designed the floor plan for the new space. The newly available space in the OSIC office will be used to shelve the sport resources held in OSIC.

- Furnishings/Maintenance. A new desk chair for the Coordinator was ordered and a table fan acquired for the Library Assistant; a notice board was acquired and installed; office louvers were lubricated, and a long overdue general cleaning took place.
- **Sign.** To make OSIC more visible and identifiable, the OSIC sign from the former OSIC Reading Room was placed above the service desk and sport posters were hung outside above the service counter, on the nearby wall and in the OSIC office.
- Queries Tally Sheet. A revised form was implemented for 2012 to track query types, frequency, timing, topics and requesters. Details are reported in the "Statistics" section below.

Organizing OSIC Resources. Weeding, identifying, locating, indexing, and organizing resources, and placing them on shelves with good signage are essential to having resources available so OSIC staff can provide timely and high quality responses to information queries. To this end, the following actions were taken.

- **Weeding**: Pre-2008 back issues of non-Olympics and non-Oceania related sport periodicals were transferred to the Library's *Per* collection; numerous non-copyright compliant materials in the OSIC office were weeded and their Spydus records updated; OSIC index listings of non-copyright compliant materials were removed; all weeded items were discarded.
- **Identifying:** Ongoing is a comparison of titles in the OSIC shelved resources Index with the physical items on the shelves to identify subject categories and subcategories. A database for reference purposes will be compiled for OSIC staff use until all items can be catalogued.
- Locating In-Process Sport Resources: Many missing sport materials with "In-Process" or "Physical Processing" statuses in Spydus have been located within the library and either catalogued or indexed by OSIC for the purpose of creating a database for staff use and accessibility for responding to queries.
- **Indexing:** Posters; news clippings files; office holdings; found in-process/physical processing resources, electronic files, and more either have been or are now being indexed on Excel spreadsheets. Databases of these will be created. The work camp student assigned to OSIC in December indexed the posters and many of the news articles, being updated by OSIC's Assistant.

New Sport Resources:

- Gifts of periodicals, primarily, were received from ONOC, FASANOC and Mr. Albert Miller. Those not catalogued are placed on display in the OSIC Reading Area for interested readers. Duplicate gifts are placed on the OSIC Disposal List and made available to USP campus libraries for acquisition option.
- Fiji Rugby Union graciously presented OSIC with numerous copies of their recent publications, including their Fiji Rugby DVD, and a Digicel rugby ball. FRU has offered OSIC any support or lending of rugby items for displays, etc.
- Oceania sport resources including statistics. The OSIC Coordinator has been corresponding with statisticians who compile Oceania sport results, seeking and receiving past and recent statistical records resources and historical resources to augment the OSIC collection.
- Dozens of new sport related books requested by OSIC have been received in the library and more
 are forthcoming. OSIC appreciates the ongoing support of the USP Library in maintaining a
 current and vibrant collection of sport related resources.

OSIC Services.

OSIC Current Awareness Service (CAS). This email service was established in February 2012. Fiji copyright compliant, it replaces the former OSIC Table of Contents (TOC) service. Instead of sending photocopies of Tables of Contents of newly received sport books and journal issues, it lists

the titles, call numbers, links to online TOCs if available, and gives directions for requesting TOC copies by email, phone, fax or mail. Email announcements are sent to targeted distribution lists (see below) and the *USP All Staff/All Student* email list.

OSIC Email Account and Email Distribution Lists. Primarily intended for sport information query receipt and responses, OSIC's existing but long unused generic email account was revitalized by USP ITS and Library IT. Email distribution lists of ONOC, Oceania National Olympic Committees, sport organizations, sport personalities and other interested parties were compiled and entered into the account's contacts listings for use in sending OSIC news and announcements emails.

OSIC Website News. During the academic semester, news updates were posted to the OSIC website News page on a regular basis.

May – June 2012

During this reporting period, the OSIC Coordinator:

- Created an OSIC Work Plan outlining OSIC goals for 2012.
- Gave a presentation about OSIC at the regional ONOC Workshop held in Lami, Suva on Saturday 19th May 2012.
- Attended a 2-hour LibGuides Training on creating digital subject research guides by topic to aid in creating a subject research guide on Oceania Sport and possibly one on general Sport.
- Corresponded with Oceania sport statisticians and increased OSIC's and Pac's holdings of Oceania sport statistics.
- Solicited and received from ATFS statistician Bob Snow electronic copies of *Pacific Islands Athletic Statistics* (*PAIS*) 1994 issues #1-7; SPG 1991 Results; and PNG Athletic Statistics 1993 issues #1-8, with written permission to print two copies of each, 1 for OSIC, 1 for Pac.
- Responded to information queries on badminton; basketball; bowling; chess; judo, SPG swimming results; PNG Rugby Union; sports biomechanics; and sport participation.
- Met with Ms. Elizabeth Younger of the Ministry of Health, providing information related to physical activity in the general population in response to her query to OSIC.
- Contributed upon request an article about OSIC for the Fiji Library Association Newsletter.
- Wrote a draft proposal for funding the Coordinator's attendance at the AUSPIN annual workshop and a 3-day placement at NSIC in September for Joan Yee, University Librarian, to complete and submit to ONOC, and hand delivered the proposal to ONOC at her request.
- Corresponded with several Oceania sport organizations who offered to send material for the OSIC holdings.
- Arranged with ONOC and FASANOC to borrow Olympics memorabilia to put in OSIC's London 2012 Olympic Games library displays to be mounted in July.
- Took photos of the ongoing OSIC resources reorganization for historical purposes.

OSIC Library Display. OSIC Library Assistant Pushpa Prasad created and mounted a library display about the 2012 Oceania Regional Athletics Championships in Cairns, Australia.

OSIC Logo/Signage. Work on the new OSIC logo and signs met with numerous delays by the Multimedia Unit, including the unexpected departure from USP of Detlef Blumel, who was working on the sign designs. As of the end of June, neither project had been completed.

New Sport Resources. Through gifts and library acquisition, 22 books and 21 journals were added to the OSIC/USPL collections between April-June. Gifts were from ONOC, FASANOC, NSIC and Albert Miller.

July - November 9, 2012

During this reporting period, the OSIC Coordinator:

Attended the AUSPIN Workshop and Annual Meetings at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, Australia, on 18th-20th September 2012 and completed a three-day Placement at the National Sport Information Centre (NSIC) on 21, 24 and 25. The trip was funded entirely by ONOC; no USP funds were involved. Special leave was granted by USP.



OSIC Coordinator with other AUSPIN Attendees

- Presented a PPT show about OSIC and OSIC services targeted to sport science practitioners, at the *National Sport Science Conference* held in Suva on Saturday 15th September 2012.
- Continued correspondence with AFTS Oceania Athletics statisticians to increase OSIC's holdings
 of Oceania Athletics statistics, primarily of the South Pacific Games and Mini Games resulting in
 Receiving 129 Oceania Athletics official statistics documents, as follows:
 - From Bob Snow:
 - 54 issues (a complete set) of PIAS Pacific Islands Athletics Statistics
 - 17 SPG Results
 - 9 Mini SPG Results
 - 2 miscellaneous competition results
 - From Tomas Magnusson:
 - 14 SPG Athlete Entrants Lists
 - From Paul Jenes:
 - 16 SPG Results
 - From Fletcher McEwen:
 - 5 Oceania Mens/Womens Athletics Statistics
 - 2 miscellaneous competition results
- Enquired about the subscription cost of EBSCO's sport e-books of the Serials Librarian, who is following up on it.
- Contacted AAB Signs and obtained a quotation for producing OSIC signage for the Library. The quotation was sent to Dennis Miller and Robin Mitchell of ONOC for a decision.
- Met with Lorraine Mar of FASANOC to discuss a proposed project of converting 300+ 2003 South Pacific Games live action DVDs to a more permanent format. Followed up by meeting with Javed Yusuf of USP's Multimedia Unit and then arranging a meeting with him, Lorraine, Vidhya and me during which plans were finalized. FASANOC is listing the DVDs and writing a proposal for the project and will deliver the DVDs to me for follow up with Javed.
- Returned the Olympics memorabilia used in OSIC's library displays to ONOC and FASANOC on 21st August.
- Arranged with Library IT staff to install Dropbox on the Coordinator's computer to enable largefile sharing between ONOC and OSIC.
- Wrote a report on AISPIN Workshop and Annual Meetings attendance and three-day placement with NSIC and delivered it to ONOC and Joan Yee, USP Library.
- Contacted Andreas Amendt, Head of Library Qatar Olympic & Sports Museum (QOSM), Qatar Museums Authority in Doha, Qatar resulting in a phone conversation discussing aspects of setting up and categorizing sport information resources. Useful suggestions came out of it for both.

- Was invited to write an article for publication in QOSM's forthcoming book on the world's sport information libraries, due in December, a way to showcase OSIC to the sport information world.
- Met with Javed Yusuf of USP's Multimedia Unit, to discuss converting historical Oceania Athletics colour photo slides to TIFF and JPEG format for archival and preservation purposes; obtained a quotation to present to ONOC. ONOC approved the project, which should begin in late November 2012.
- Received a gift book for OSIC, *Sumo: From Rite to Sport*, by P. L. Cuyler, from Katrina Watts President of the Australian Sumo Federation.
- Drafted and sent to USP's Multimedia Unit the draft of a new OSIC library brochure. It will be a tri-fold glossy full-color brochure highlighting OSIC and its services and be available throughout the library and for public relations purposes.
- Responded to information requests on topics including: 1963 SPG athlete from Gilbert & Ellis
 Islands; 2012 Olympics information; Tara Mango, Oceania athlete; anti-doping programs for
 youth and athletes; clinical pharmacy; London Olympics, Olympics; Olympics data; PNG Rugby
 Union early history; rugby news; spiked sport shoes in Oceania; and sports biomechanics

Other OSIC Activities

OSIC Library Displays. OSIC Library Assistant Pushpa Prasad created and mounted two library displays during the dates of the London 2012 Olympic Games: *London 2012 Olympic Games* and "2012 Oceania Olympians." The latter in particular was so popular it was later moved to a different display cabinet and remained on display for several more weeks. ONOC and FASANOC generously lent OSIC genuine Olympics memorabilia to use for these displays. Another display, *Women's Under 17s World Cup*, was mounted during the dates of that competition, 22nd September–13th October.



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Organizing OSIC Resources. This most essential project is ongoing but experiencing numerous delays because of OSIC staff attending to required library responsibilities.

Newspaper Clippings. The OSIC Assistant maintained up-to-date compilation of newspaper clipping and Excel spreadsheet indexing of sport articles from the *Fiji Times* and *Fiji Sun*.

November 10-December 9, 2012

The Library assigned two "work camp" students to OSIC for 26th November – 21st December 2012. With their very capable work, OSIC finally began and made significant progress on two projects by 7th December, digitizing and indexing the Tony Isaacs Collection, and organizing and reshelving the Olympics bid documents. With the assistance of Level A's two Serials Library Attendants, the South Pacific Archives documents were placed in order and reshelved.

2012 Statistics

Collected statistics are indicators of OSIC activity. Below are statistics for Query responses, use of the OSIC website and SPORTDiscus, and sport books requested and received in 2012

Queries. During 2012, queries received at the Library service desk located in OSIC totalled 478. **Only** 9% of the queries related to sport; of those, 26 were received at the service desk, 17 via email and 1 by

phone. Of the remaining 91%, 56% (269) were about serials/newspapers, 124 of which were "Where are newspaper back issues?").

Sport query topics were: badminton, baseball, basketball, bowling rules, chess, cricket, football match results for 1991, 1983, 1989 SPGs, hockey, Nauru athlete, netball, Olympics – London 2012, Olympics data, physical activity, physical education, physiotherapy in sport, PNG rugby early history, PNG rugby union, sailing, Team Fiji (SPG), SPG – 91, 95, 89 (field and track), SPG 1975, SPG 1995 relay, SPG athletes, spiked sports shoes, sports biomechanics, sports education – Fiji, sports medicine, sports periodicals, sports psychology, surfing, swimming, taekwondo at USP, Team Fiji games, Vanuatu athletes, and volleyball.

Queries January – December 7, 2012

2012	OSIC	Serials	Photocopy	Newspaper	General	Total
January	1	9	6	7	2	25
February	0	20	3	16	12	51
March	8	32	12	24	30	106
April	1	16	4	15	14	51
May	5	3	2	18	10	38
June	4	3	0	12	12	31
July	2	6	1	4	4	17
August	7	37	10	15	18	87
September	5	7	3	4	13	32
October	2	5	1	5	3	16
November	8	6	1	4	4	23
December 1-7	0	1	1	0	0	2
Totals	43	145	44	124	122	478

OSIC Website. The website's statistics calculator recorded the following page requests and traffic for January – December 7, 2012.

	Page Requests	Traffic (Mb)
Dec 1-7, 2012	241	3
Nov 2012	1,437	14
Oct 2012	1,791	19
Sep 2012	1,617	15
Aug 2012	1,111	10
Jul 2012	900	9
Jun 2012	1,317	17
May 2012	2,568	53
Apr 2012	532	7
Mar 2012	701	8
Feb 2012	568	5
Jan 2012	1,067	8
Totals	13850	168

SPORT Discus with Full-Text. The January 2012– December 7, 2012 (partial month) numbers from the database statistics report show highest number of sessions in August and least in July, as was true in 2011.

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2012	Sessions	Searches	Text	Abstract
December	1	1	0	0
November	55	181	0	22
October	160	760	33	85
September	125	487	21	35
August	317	1248	61	45
July	16	58	3	12
June	29	156	36	91
May	77	283	21	12
April	97	372	27	57
March	148	674	36	80
February	27	161	2	0
January	33	308	0	1
Totals	1085	4689	240	440

Books Requested of USPL and Received in 2012.

OSIC regularly requests book purchases by USPL to add to their collection of sport books, considered to be part of the "OSIC Collection" but owned by USPL, shelved in their collections and under USPL borrowing restrictions, which limit use by the vast majority of OSIC clientele. The table below shows the number of books requested and received, by month in 2012.

2012	Requested	Received
January	14	2
February	3	9
March	8	4
April	22	15
May	12	8
June	15	10
July	5	2
August	7	16
September	16	8
October	2	2
November	0	1
Dec 1-7	0	1
Totals	104	78

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Fratangelo Coordinator, Oceania Sport Information Centre

