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INADO Update #21

Dear Colleagues:

Membership

Our membership has grown to 35 Founding Members with the addition of the Swedish Sport Confederation (SSC). Welcome to Håkan and his team.

- Dopingautoriteit (Netherlands)
- UKAD (United Kingdom)
- ASADA (Australia)
- JADA (Japan)
- USADA (United States)
- DFSNZ (New Zealand)
- SAIDS (South Africa)
- CCES (Canada)
- ADN (Norway)
- ADD (Denmark)
- NADA Germany
- Antidoping Switzerland
- Singapore AD
- AFLD (France)
- NADA Austria
- NADA Romania
- NADC Barbados
- FINADA (Finland)
- Irish Sports Council
- PRADO (Puerto Rico)
- QADC (Qatar)
- BSADA (Bermuda)
- AEA (Spain)
- NOC of Slovenia
- San Marino CPA
- KADC (Kuwait)
- JADO (Jordan)
- BADC (Bahamas)
- Indian NADA
- CyADA (Cyprus)
- LTU ADA (Lithuania)
- PANDA (Poland)
- KADA (Korea)
- ALAD (Luxembourg)
- Swedish Sport Confederation

I encourage you to join iNADO as early in 2013 as possible. This will increase iNADO's influence and broaden efforts to share best practices and to raise standards. The membership application and the list of membership subscription fees are posted in the "About iNADO" section of the iNADO website under the heading "Finances": www.inado.org. It typically takes 1 -2 business days for the iNADO Board to consider and approval membership applications. Once a membership application is approved, iNADO will issue an invoice for the membership fee.

iNADO AGM and Work Sessions March 18, 2013, Lausanne

We have 31 Founding Members attending, as well as 4 non-Members and 5 RADOs. Over 70 individuals in total. Over 55 will be dining together that evening. Should be a great day. The draft programme is attached.

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2015 Code and International Standards Review

NADO submissions on the 2015 Code and International Standards are now being posted in the Members' Section of the iNADO website: www.inado.org. I look forward to receiving yours. The iNADO submission is also posted there. Thank you to the many NADOs who shared their draft comments with each other, who commented on the draft iNADO submission, and who otherwise exchanged views. Please come to Lausanne prepared to talk about the issues that still need to be resolved in the interests of NADOs and RADOs.

JADA Mobile Doping Control Station

This article (including video clip) features JADA's mobile doping control station. First operational in 2010, it is now used for both urine and blood sample collection.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/sports-videos/2244/japan-unveils-doping-test-lab-on-wheels-in-olympics-bid.html>

Interview with Graham Arthur, Director of Legal, UKAD

Here is a link to an interesting and wide-ranging interview in advance of a major legal conference in London next week: Tackling Doping in Sport. Topics covered include whether NADOs receive enough financial support, use of a registered testing pool, athlete use of "recreational drugs," reduced sanctions for "substantial assistance," and data protection:

<http://www.e-comlaw.com/world-sports-law-report/hottopic.asp?id=1343>

Sponsor Concern about Doping in the Australian National Rugby League (NRL)

One development in the aftermath of the recent Australian Crime Commission Report, and the ongoing ASADA investigations, is the concern of NRL club sponsors. This is parallel to the situation in men's road cycling in Europe, and the departure of Rabobank as a team sponsor in late 2012. This indicates that in commercialised, professional sport, the leagues and teams have a clear financial interest in clean sport and should increase their own anti-doping efforts.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/sponsors-set-to-bail-on-cronulla-sharks-if-found-guilty-of-doping-allegations/story-e6freuy9-1226592317239>

And in a breaking development, the NRL Club in question has taken dramatic action based on an internal review conducted by the former ASADA Deputy-Chair (and Judge and CAS Arbitrator) Tricia Kavanagh. With reportedly 14 players under investigation, the head coach and many senior staff have been fired:

<http://www.news.com.au/sport/nrl/cronulla-sharks-board-sack-coach-and-staffers-following-review-of-asada-doping-allegations/story-fndujjl-1226593583007>

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<http://www.theage.com.au/rugby-league/league-news/cronulla-coach-knew-of-doping-20130309-2fsud.html>

Interview with Betsy Andreu about Lance Armstrong

This link takes you to an extensive interview with one of the original Armstrong “whistleblowers,” the wife of former teammate Frankie Andreu. Questioned by Dick Gordon, Andreu has lots of interesting observations on the dynamics of cycling teams, on cycling before USADA and WADA were operational (Frankie Andreu was dismissed from Armstrong’s team after the 2000 Tour de France for refusing to continue to dope), on the role of journalists in exploring doping in cycling (or not), on the potential of dopers to come clean and help anti-doping efforts, and on the personal cost of being an anti-doping whistleblower. Well worth listening to the entire 30 minutes.

http://thestory.org/archive/2102_3_07_thestory_lance_armstrong.mp3/view

A New (and much shorter) Armstrong Interview

Contrast the Betsy Andreu interview with this little report:

<http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/more/news/20130305/lance-armstrong-interview/>

Travis Tygart in Sports Illustrated Top 50 Most Powerful People in Sports

Speaking of Sports Illustrated, Travis ranks 37th (ahead of President Obama, who rated 44th) in that American magazine’s annual rating of the most powerful people in sport. And just behind Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Manchester City owner. Clearly this is a U.S.-oriented ranking: the Commissioners of the NFL and NBA were 1st and 2nd, while Jacques Rogge merited 8th and Seth Blatter 16th. Nevertheless, as the description puts it:

“World Anti-Doping Agency director David Howman is known for his straight talk about drugs in sports, but in 2012 it was Tygart, 41, who became the face of the fight against doping. His agency’s investigation of Lance Armstrong -- amid character attacks and death threats against Tygart, and despite efforts to remove USADA’s funding -- proved that no athlete is above the rules.”

http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/main/photos/1303/50-most-powerful-people-in-sports/?sct=hp_t11_a2&eref=sihp#/main/photos/1303/50-most-powerful-people-in-sports/37/

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Former Rabobank Team Cyclist Admits to Doping

Lots of reports in the last few days about Michael Boogerd's admission of doping. This one includes comments by Herman Ram of the Dopingautoriteit on the follow-up:

<http://www.cyclingnews.com/news/menchov-boom-dekker-react-to-boogerd-doping-confession>

Moral Disengagement and Understanding Why Athletes Dope

This short academic commentary speaks about social science theories on why athletes dope: <http://theithacan.org/30927>. Jargon aside, it reminds us that many different scientific disciplines can contribute to understanding and deterring doping, and protecting clean sport.

Concluding Words

Never hesitate to contact me if you need assistance. Let me know what is happening in your country and in your organisation. Tell me how INADO can help you do a better job. See you March 18th.

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