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REPORT OF SCA PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL (For period 9 December 2012 to 7 October 2014)

9 DECEMBER 2012

21st SCA EXCO MEETING & CONGRESS 2012

Please refer to Minutes of the 21st SCA Congress 2012 in Item 4

4 - 7 JULY 2013

2nd EAST ASIAN GAMES - IBIGAWA, JAPAN

Please see Report attached at back of President and Secretary-General's Report (pink)

24 - 26 OCTOBER 2013

26th ISF CONGRESS, CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA

The ISF Congress was held in Hilton Hotel, Cartagena, Colombia from 23 - 25 October 2013. SCA would like to record its heartfelt thanks to its Affiliates who were present to cast supporting votes to SCA President, Dato' Beng Choo Low to retain her post as Secretary-General of ISF.

SCA held its Asia Region meeting on 24 October 2013 to elect the 2 ISF Vice Presidents – Asia, namely, Taeko Utsugi and Tan Ying and congratulates them on their election.

The new ISF Board of Directors is as follows:

- President: Dale McMann (Canada)
- 1st Vice President: Darryl Clout (Australia)
- 2nd Vice President: Jesus Suniaga (Venezuela)
- Secretary-General: Beng Choo LOW, Dato' (Malaysia)
- Vice Presidents - Africa: Fridah Shiroya (Kenya) and Tirelo Mukokomani (Botswana)
- Vice Presidents - Latin America: Antonio Morales (Colombia), and Tommy Velazquez (Puerto Rico)
- Vice President - North America: E.T. Colvin (USA)
- Vice President - English Speaking Caribbean: Jan Hendrik "Endy" Croes (Aruba)
- Vice Presidents - Asia: Tan Ying (China) and Taeko Utsugi (Japan)
- Vice Presidents - Europe: Francesca Fabretto (Austria) and Andre van Overbeek (Netherlands)
- Vice Presidents - Oceania: Rex Capil (New Zealand) and Robert J. Steffy (Guam)
- Athlete Representatives: Maria Soto (Venezuela), term ends 2014 and Robert Rosthenhausier (USA)
- At Large Members: Beatrice Allen (IOC Member – GAM) and Meliton Sanchez (IOC Member - PAN)
- Hon. Life President: Don Porter (USA)

25 - 29 NOVEMBER 2013

ASIA REGION QUALIFIER FOR 2014 14th WOMEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN R.O.C.

The Asia Qualifier for the 14th World Women Softball Championship 2014 was held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan..

6 Teams participated in the above Championship, namely, China, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Philippines. As it was a Qualifying competition, participating teams had to pay for their own food and accommodation, with the main official hotel for teams at the Han Hsien Hotel, Kaohsiung. The umpires' hotel was the Treasure Island Motel, Kaohsiung.

After a preliminary single round robin competition, the standing of the 6 teams was as follows: Japan, China, Chinese-Taipei, Philippines, Korea and Hong Kong, with the top 4 teams qualifying for the single page-system play-off. The final results - standing of the 4 teams was as follows:

First:	China
Second:	Japan
Third:	Chinese-Taipei
Fourth:	Philippines

With the above results, China, Japan and Chinese-Taipei qualified from Asia to participate on the 14th World Women Softball Championship to be held in Haarlem, Netherlands 15 - 23 August 2014.

SCA records its thanks to the Chinese-Taipei Amateur Softball Association (CTASA), its officials and volunteers, for ensuring a successful competition, to all athletes and team officials for their competitive yet good sportsmanlike participation, all SCA members and officials for their dedicated service.

1 - 7 DECEMBER 2013

5th ASIAN JUNIOR MEN (19 & UNDER) SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2013 - CHAIYAPHUM, THAILAND

The 5th Asian Junior Men (19 & Under) Softball Championship 2013 was held in Chaiyaphum, Thailand, where the president of the Amateur Softball Association – Thailand (ASAT), Mr. Banyong Kiatkongchuchai is the Honourable Mayor.

8 Teams participated in the above Championship, namely, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Thailand. The official Team delegations' hotel was the Dee Prom Hotel and the technical officials/umpires hotel was the Siam River Resort, Chaiyaphum.

After a preliminary single round robin competition, top 4 teams qualified for the single page-system play-off. The final result – teams standing of the 4 teams was as follows:

First:	Japan
Second:	Singapore
Third:	Malaysia
Fourth:	Thailand

The said Asian Junior Men Championship also served as a Qualifier competition for the 10th World Junior Men Championship 2014. As such, with the above results, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia qualified for the 10th World Junior Men (19 & Under) Softball Championship. to be held in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada in 11 – 20 July 2014.

SCA records its appreciation to ASAT, all its officials and volunteer for successfully hosting this Championship, as it was a very challenging responsibility not only to host but also pay for all food, accommodation and internal transportation for all athletes and officials. SCA also thanks all athletes and team delegations for their good sportsmanship participation and to all SCA officials and volunteers for their dedicated service.

8 JANUARY 2014

2ND SCA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR

Please refer to Minutes of 2nd SCA Executive Council Meeting in Item 2.

10 MAY 2014

WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION (WBSC) CONGRESS

The inaugural WBSC Congress was held in Hammamet, Tunisia at Medina Hotel. WBSC Co-Presidents Don Porter (ISF) and Riccardo Fraccari (IBAF) were present and both presented their Reports. The strength and unity of WBSC should help Baseball and Softball work towards its campaign to be included in the Olympics.

The General Meeting elected and approved the appointment of the following as the WBSC Executive Board for 2014 – 2021:

President:	Mr. Riccardo Fraccari
Executive Vice President – Softball:	Mr. Dale McMann
Executive Vice President – Baseball:	Mr. Israel Roldan Gonzalez
Vice President Softball:	Mr. Meliton Sanchez Rivas
Vice President Baseball:	Mr. Reynaldo Gonzalez Lopez
Secretary-General:	Ms. Beng Choo Low
Treasurer:	Mr. Angelo Vicini
Members At Large – Softball:	Ms. Taeko Utsugi Mr. Tommy Velazquez
Members At Large – Baseball:	Mr. Paul Seller Mr. Ronald Finlay
Athlete Representative – Softball:	Ms. Maria Soto

11- 20 JULY 2014

10TH WORLD JUNIOR MEN (19 & UNDER) SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 10th World Junior Men (19 & Under) was held in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada. Ten (10) teams took part with two of the teams coming from Asia – Japan and Singapore. The final standings is as follows:

1. Argentina
2. New Zealand
3. Japan

21 – 26 MAY 2014

SCA UMPIRE COURSE IN SEOUL, KOREA

Softball Confederation Asia held an Umpire Course in Seoul, Korea. There were fourteen (14) participants, all male from Korea Softball Federation (KSF). The course was conducted by SCA Chief Umpire, Mr. Jimmy Chen from Chinese-Taipei. He was assisted by Rosli b. Ismail from Malaysia. Six (6) of them passed the SCA Umpires Course. They are:

1. KIM Hyungsuk
2. LEE Kangil
3. KIM Nack Hyun
4. KIM Seung Gyu
5. RYU Duck Hyun
6. YOON Wook

8 – 12 JUNE 2014

3RD EAST ASIA CUP – WOMEN

The 3rd East Asia Cup was held in Sunde, Guangzhou, China. Five (5) teams participated; Two (2) from China, and One (1) each from Chinese-Taipei, Japan and Korea. No Report has been received.

15 – 24 AUGUST 2014

WORLD WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 14th World Women Softball Championship featuring the top sixteen (16) national teams was held in Haarlem, Netherlands. The teams were Australia, Botswana, Canada, **China**, **Chinese-Taipei**, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Great Britain, Italy, **Japan**, Netherlands, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Russia and USA.

Congratulations to Japan for emerging the champions, beating USA with a 4 – 1 score at the Grand Final. The final standings is as follows:

Gold:	Japan
Silver:	USA
Bronze:	Australia

29 – 31 AUGUST 2014

SOUTH EAST ASIA CUP WOMEN

The inaugural South East Asia Cup (Women) was held in Singapore from 29 – 31 August 2014. Four (4) teams participated; namely Singapore A, Singapore B, Indonesia and Malaysia. They played a double round robin and the results are as follows:

1. Indonesia
2. Singapore A
3. Singapore B

3 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2014

SOUTH EAST ASIA CUP (MEN)

The inaugural South East Asia Cup (Men) was held in Makassar, Sulawesi, Indonesia from 4 – 6 September 2014. Six (6) teams participated. They were: Brunei, Indonesia A, Indonesia B, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. They played a single round robin and the top two met in the final. Results as follows:

1. Singapore
2. Thailand
3. Indonesia A

27 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER 2014
17TH ASIAN GAMES INCHEON 2014

The 17th Asian Games was held in Incheon, Korea where the Women Softball competition was held from 27th September – 2nd October 2014 at the LNG Baseball Stadium in Songdo.

The Baseball Stadium was converted to a Softball field; special mention of appreciation to Mizuno who sponsored all the equipment for the field, balls for competition and also uniforms for technical officials; not forgetting the hard work of personnel from KSF and IAGOC.

Mr. See Kok Wooi from Malaysia was the Technical Delegate, with SCA Chief Umpire, Mr. Jimmy Chen from Chinese-Taipei as the UIC. The 2 Deputy UICs were Mr. Lee Kangil from Korea Softball Federation and Mr. Rosli Ismail from Malaysia.

The Technical Meeting was held on 26 September 2014 at the indoor training centre in Songdo and all 26 ITOs and NTOs were present.

Six (6) teams participated in the Softball competition; they were China, Chinese-Taipei, Japan, Republic of Korea, Philippines and Thailand.

The 6 teams played a single round robin preliminary competition and the results after the completion of the preliminary round were as follows:

Preliminary Round: First - Japan
2nd - Chinese-Taipei
3rd - China
4th - Philippines
5th - Korea
6th - Thailand

The top 4 teams then played in a page system playoff and the final results is as follows:

Gold: Japan
Silver: Chinese-Taipei
Bronze: China

SOME UPCOMING ASIAN/WORLD SOFTBALL EVENTS

2014

1. 16 – 20 December 2014 Asia Region Qualifier for the 14th World Men Softball Championship 2015 to be held in Singapore
2. TBC 5th Asia Junior Women (19 & Under) Softball Championship – Makassar, Sulawesi, Indonesia

2015

1. 5 – 16 June 2015 28th South East Asia Games (Men & Women)
2. 26 June – 5 July 2015 14th ISF World Men's Softball Championship

(Saskatoon, Canada)

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| 3. | 7 – 16 August 2015 | 11 th World Junior Women (19 & Under) Softball Championship (Oklahoma City, USA) |
| 4. | Dates – TBC | 11 th Asia Women Softball Championship |
| 5. | Dates – TBC | 4 th East Asia Cup – Chinese-Taipei |

CONCLUSION

Softball Confederation Asia records our sincere appreciation to all SCA affiliate-members and their respective officials/affiliates who have helped and supported in ensuring the success of SCA's programs and events, in particular Chinese Taipei, Indonesia,, Singapore and Thailand who hosted the SCA competitions and events. We are happy to report that all our SCA affiliate-members are active, each having participated in at least one SCA event over the past 4 years.

We further thank Mizuno for their generous contribution and sponsorship, Japan Softball Association for their financial contribution towards the running of the SCA Administration and Congress, and all other sponsors, individuals and organisations that have supported SCA directly and indirectly.

Softball faces our greatest challenge in our campaign for inclusion onto the Olympic program, and the dedicated and determined efforts by every member of our softball family is crucial.

We hope that all SCA affiliate-members will continue with the Asian unity and harmony, helping each other in promoting and developing softball in Asia effectively.

Report by:
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Ms. Sally LIM Swee Gaik, SCA Secretary-General

7 October 2014