TAFISA
1991 - 2011
20 Years For An Active World
It is a great privilege to address the participants of the Global Sport for All Movement as the President of the leading international Sport for All association on this exciting occasion, the 20th Anniversary of the formal inception of TAFISA.

Whilst TAFISA was born in the minds of Sport for All leaders in the 1960’s, it was only in 1991 that it really came to life. In that time, TAFISA has touched the lives of millions; from families who march under the banner of World Walking Day, to performers in the World Sport for All Games, to future leaders educated via the Certified Leadership Courses, to volunteers coordinating World Challenge Day, to governmental and non-governmental representatives attending World Congresses, to Sport for All organizations and individuals of all types who are the members of TAFISA, to a myriad of others, and to you, who is reading this brochure.

TAFISA has and will continue to stand for all of the participants of the Global Sport for All Movement, both politically and practically by providing the Movement with an internationally visible voice, and programs and events in which to participate and share.

On this important occasion, I am proud to wish TAFISA, along with its members, supporters and partners who have been such an integral part of the growth and success of TAFISA, a warm and sincere “congratulations”.

Dr Kang-Too Lee, TAFISA President

TAFISA ON THE MOVE

It was in Oslo in 1969, when the first so called ‘Trim and Fitness Conference’ was held with eight participating countries from West Europe. These conferences that were organized every two years from then on, developed into an unofficial steering medium for the international Sport for All Movement, and can be rightly considered the cradle for TAFISA. As the result, TAFISA was founded in Bordeaux in 1991 by 40 countries.

Tribute to Prof. Dr. Jürgen Palm

It was on the vision and initiative of Dr. Jürgen Palm, Germany, that TAFISA was founded in 1991. Under his presidency, TAFISA developed dramatically to the world’s now leading Sport for All organization. In 2005 he was elected Honorary President of TAFISA, and in his new position, he gave strong support to the organization. Dr. Palm died at the age of 71 on August 16, 2006.

TAFISA has worked hard to become the leading international Sport for All association over the past 20 years. But there is so much more to be done. Being a leader implies responsibility, innovation, strength and continuous improvement, and TAFISA intends to embrace and enhance its position in the global Sport for All Movement, for the betterment of TAFISA, its members and the Movement itself.

TAFISA’s action plan for the future incorporates both politics and practice. Particularly in recent years, TAFISA has led an initiative to bring leading international organizations together to build a new solidarity in Sport for All. In the coming years, TAFISA will build on this strong start to raise the profile of Sport for All and physical activity, and place it on the agenda of leading organizations and leading individuals around the world. TAFISA’s focus will be on creating a truly global platform for international exchange, debate and cooperation, and strengthen the political voice of Sport for All and physical activity, so that ultimately, through cross-sectoral cooperation, Sport for All and physical activity will be accessible to all.

TAFISA also recognizes that its members immediately benefit from the practical, on-the-ground programs that people around the world can participate in and enjoy. That is why TAFISA will not lose its focus on providing Sport for All and physical activity programs which are relevant and in demand. TAFISA will continue to improve upon its already successful practical programs, and work with its members to make them accessible to as many global citizens as possible.

Through this dual strategy of political and practical influence, TAFISA is steadily building bridges toward its ultimate goal. TAFISA – For An Active World.

Wolfgang Baumann, TAFISA Secretary General

Special Initiative: TAFISA VIPS Program

The TAFISA VIPS (Volunteer Initiative for Peace through Sport) Program in collaboration with the Tanzanian government and the support of UNOSDP, aims at further developing Sport for All in Africa through education of young volunteers. It was officially launched in Dar es Salem, Tanzania in 2010.
TAFISA FACTS & FIGURES

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TAFISA is a non governmental and non profit organization registered according to German law at the Frankfurt law court. The TAFISA General Assembly is the supreme governing body and elects the TAFISA Board of Directors every four years for a four year term.

TAFISA’s Vision and Mission

To achieve an Active World by globally promoting and facilitating access for every person to Sport for All and physical activity.

TAFISA’s primary focus is on:
• Advocating internationally for Sport for All,
• Providing and coordinating programs and events,
• Providing networking and experience transfer platforms.

To this end, TAFISA:
• believes that access to Sport for All and physical activity is a basic human right,
• sees Sport for All as a major contributor to individual, community and national life quality,
• supports the promotion of international exchange and experience transfer,
• provides programs and events open to participation by all,
• provides education of leaders and dissemination of model projects and expertise,
• cooperates with institutions in the fields of sport and physical activity to advance health, culture, education and recreation,
• assumes political leadership in the field of Sport for All,
• supports the concept of diversity and inclusiveness to bring individuals together through Sport for All and physical activity.

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TAFISA Figures

TAFISA in 2011 has
• 130 member countries
  - 37 Europe
  - 33 Asia
  - 25 Africa
  - 22 Americas
  - 13 Oceania
• 240 Member organizations
• 4 regional bodies for Europe, Asia/Oceania, Americas, Africa (under process)

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Special Recognition: Karin Beckmann, Odette Duverneuil, Christine Kammler
TAFISA MILESTONES 1991 - 2011

Sept. 1991  · · · · · · · · · · Founded in Bordeaux, France by 40 countries
May 1992  · · · · · · · · · · Launch of International Challenge Day with nine countries
1993  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Chiba, Japan
June 1992  · · · · · · · · · · Launch of World Walking Day at the Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro
May 1992  · · · · · · · · · · Festival of Traditional Games, Bonn, Germany
1994  · · · · · · · · · · TAFISA Academy, Budapest, Hungary
1995  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Netanya, Israel
Sept. 1996  · · · · · · · · · · Festival of Traditional Games, Bangkok, Thailand
1997  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Penang, Malaysia
1999  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Larnaka, Cyprus
2000  · · · · · · · · · · Festival of Traditional Games, Hanover, Germany
2001  · · · · · · · · · · Member countries reach 100
2001  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Cape Town, South Africa
2003  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Munich, Germany
2005  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Warsaw, Poland
Nov. 2005  · · · · · · · · · · Opening of the TAFISA Office in Frankfurt, Germany
Dec. 2006  · · · · · · · · · · 1st World Forum, Frankfurt, Germany
Aug. 2007  · · · · · · · · · · Launch of Int’l CLC, Kish Island, Iran
2007  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Feb. 2008  · · · · · · · · · · 2nd World Forum, Riga, Latvia
Sept. 2008  · · · · · · · · · · TAFISA World Sport for All Games, Busan, Korea
Sept. 2008  · · · · · · · · · · Signing TAFISA/UNESCO Busan Appeal on Traditional Sport and Games
Feb. 2009  · · · · · · · · · · Membership on the IOC Sport for All Commission
March 2009  · · · · · · · · · · Workshop “Active Cities”, Helsinki, Finland
2009  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Chinese Taipei
Sept. 2009  · · · · · · · · · · Name changed to “The Association For International Sport for All”
2009  · · · · · · · · · · Incorporation of IANOS into TAFISA
Oct. 2009  · · · · · · · · · · 3rd World Forum, Seoul, Korea
Feb. 2010  · · · · · · · · · · Cooperation Agreement signed with IOC
May 2010  · · · · · · · · · · Meeting with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon on joint cooperation
Aug. 2010  · · · · · · · · · · Launch of the TAFISA African ‘VIPS Program’ in Tanzania
Jan. 2011  · · · · · · · · · · Launch of National CLC, Trinidad & Tobago
Oct. 2011  · · · · · · · · · · Partnership Agreement signed with UNESCO
Nov. 2011  · · · · · · · · · · World Congress, Antalya, Turkey
Nov. 2011  · · · · · · · · · · Launch of TAFISA Triple AC Program

Incorporating the International Assembly of National Organizations of Sport (IANOS)

TAFISA Membership Growth

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TAFISA PROGRAMS & EVENTS

From the beginning TAFISA has been strong in the coordination and delivery of practical, grass roots programs and events that citizens from around the world can participate in.

**TAFISA World Walking Day**

TAFISA launched the World Walking Day in 1991 to promote health through walking. This event is held in October with attracting more than 50 countries and more than 15 million people to participate every year around the world.

![Leading the Way in Brazil](image1)

![Taking to the Streets of India](image2)

**TAFISA World Challenge Day**

Since 1992 the World Challenge Day is held every year on the last Wednesday in May where communities of similar sizes from different countries are paired against each other in a friendly competition to motivate as many citizens as possible to be physically active for one day. Every year more than 55 million participants from 3.300 communities from 50 countries participate.

![Tehran takes the Challenge](image3)

![Being physically active in Romania](image4)

**TAFISA Certified Leadership Course**

In order to meet the global demands, in 2007 the TAFISA CLC was developed in cooperation with the IOC to train and certify national Sport for All leaders around the world. Since its inception the CLC took place in Iran, Australia, Malaysia, Turkey, Tanzania, Nigeria, Serbia, Latvia, Trinidad & Tobago, Indonesia and Macau/China.

![CLC Argentina](image5)

![CLC Tanzania](image6)

**TAFISA “Triple AC” Program**

The Triple AC Program provides an evaluation and rewarding system for cities and communities to encourage their citizens to become more active.

With the support of the IOC, the program provides practical tools with case studies of already existing successful initiatives and interventions, and opportunities for networking and experience-sharing on the international level.

**TAFISA World Sport for All Games**

First under the title “Festival of Traditional Games and Sports” the week-long World Sport for All Games held every 4 years offer a unique showcase to discover the rich and diverse traditional and contemporary games, sports and cultures with participating delegations from up to 100 countries.

The next Games under the patronage of UNESCO, ICSSPE and IOC will be hosted by the city of Siauliai, Lithuania, July 5 – 11, 2012. All TAFISA members are invited to participate – for details please refer to www.siauliai2012.lt

**African Tribal Dance**

**TAFISA World Congresses and Forums**

TAFISA World Congresses have been held around the world every two years since 1991, bringing together world renowned experts, researchers, practitioners and national representatives to present, discuss and share issues in the field of Sport for All and physical activity.

![21st TAFISA World Congress, Chinese Taipei (2009)](image7)

![TAFISA International Forum, Busan (2006)](image8)
To make the vision of Sport for All a reality, TAFISA believes the keywords are cooperation and cross sectoral partnerships. For that reason, TAFISA has always focused on weaving a cooperative and productive network of partners and supporters to build the Global Sport for All Movement.

Supporters

Private and public supporters provide TAFISA invaluable financial and practical support to realize its goals and objectives and meet the needs of the members. TAFISA is grateful to the following:

- Ball Packaging Europe
- Commerzbank AG
- City of Frankfurt
- German Ministry of Interior
- German Olympic Sport Federation
- State Government of Hesse
- Sport StadiaNet

Partners

From the beginning, TAFISA has worked in conjunction with key players in the international Sport for All sector to build and strengthen the Sport for All network. TAFISA is proud to work in active cooperation with the following international organisations:

- Agita Mundo
- ICSSPE
- UNESCO
- IAKS
- IFAPA
- IOC
- ENGSO
- IWG
- UNOSDP

TAFISA President with IOC President, Dr. Jacques Rogge
TAFISA President and Secretary General with Mr. Sam Ramsamy, Chairman of the IOC Sport for All Commission and IOC Executive Board Member.
Ms. Irina Bukova, UNESCO Director-General, with TAFISA Secretary General at the Partnership Signing Ceremony.
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TAFISA President in New York at the UN Headquarters with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.
TAFISA MEMBERS

TAFISA would like to thank our members for their support and dedication in contributing to the growth and development of TAFISA and the global Sport for All Movement in the past 20 years.