

IMACSSS substantive report 2010-2014

President W.J. Cynarski

Dear delegates!

We gathered here today at the first summary election meeting in our history to report the results of our joint activity, to pass the statement on our achievements during this period, and to get your approval for our activity so far. We want to not only present the results, but also outline a plan for further action, which will be submitted by the retiring board of directors, and has to be taken for the further development of our Association. I hope that the present will discuss the assumptions of development of our operations and will take decisions on activities for the next term, giving us the opportunity to put them into motion.

We also organize new elections, which will allow the management of the Association to realize decisions taken today and to help them expand our organization. I stand before you today, as President - to pass a report of what we have achieved so far.

Let me remind you that a large part of us also met at the previous World Congress in 2010, when we founded our organization together and we started our work. Today – after four years – it's time for the first summary.

We believe that past Congress, to be the first major project of our association. Then we presented an action plan for the years 2010-14 – and this is what we have managed to achieve.

1. The publication of papers from convention/conference „*Ido Movement for Culture. Journal of Martial Arts Anthropology*”, “*Revista de Artes Marciales Asiaticas*”, “*Archives of Budo*”, “*Scientific Review of Physical Culture*” and monographs: W. J. Cynarski [ed.], *Selected Areas of Intercultural Dialogue in Martial Arts*, Rzeszow University Press, Rzeszów 2011.

2. We set up a website: www.imacsss.com, supported by Dr. Krzysztof Kubala, Secretary General of IMACSSS.

3. Our Society is patron of two specialized **scientific journals**. They are: since 2011 e-quarterly „*Ido Movement for Culture. Journal of Martial Arts Anthropology*”, and “*Revista de Artes Marciales Asiaticas*”.

Already the second World Congress of Martial Arts and Combat Sports in **Rzeszów** (2010) and *2011 Scientific Congress on Martial Arts and Combat Sports* 13-15.05.2011,

- In **Viseu** (Portugal), were held under the auspices of the IMACSSS.

- But formal, proper 1st International Conference of IMACSSS was held in Genoa: 8-10 June, 2012, **Genoa** (Italy), *Game, Drama, Ritual in Martial Arts and Combat Sports*.

The publication of the works of this Conference took place mainly in specialized scientific journals, as the ones mentioned above, and in the monograph: S. Raimondo [ed.], *Gioco, Drama, Rito. Nelle arti marziali e negli sport da combattimento*, Exorma, Roma 2013 [in Italian].

4. I, as the President promoted and popularized IMACSSS among others on several conferences, which took place in:

- **Bangkok**, 7-10.02.2012, The 3rd International Conference on Sports and Exercise Science (with Prof. Kazimierz Obodyński and Prof. Chuchchai Gomaratut),

- **Tokyo** 6-7.09.2012 *The perception of Budo – Global trends*. The Japanese Academy of Budo 45th General Assembly Commemoration Symposium (with Prof. Fuminori Nakiri and Prof. Fumiaki Shishida),

- **Porto**, Sep. 26-29, 2013, 5th ISSSS Conference (together with Prof. Abel Figueiredo),

- **Brno** (Czech Rep.), Nov 7-8, 2013, 9th International Conference “Sport and Quality of Life” 2013 at the Masaryk University (with Prof. Willy Pieter).

We issued brochures, published press interviews and articles relating to our activity – including in the “Newspaper of the University of Rzeszów University” („*Gazeta Uniwersytecka UR*”). Our members from Iran – brothers Boostani – have won championships in karate under the flag of IMACSSS (“The IMACSSS Karate Team”);

- **Tsukuba** (Japan), September 10-12, 2013, was 46th Anniversary of the JAB and at the same time 2nd International IMACSSS Conference.

This was the first joint conference of IMACSSS and JAB, mainly involving researchers from East Asia. Its yield was published in Japanese “*Research Journal of Budo*”, and the Proceedings Book: Kuwamori M., Figueiredo A., Bennett A., Koyama K., Matsuo M., Ishimatsu-Prime M., Yokoyama N., Kalina R.M., Honda S.,

Cynarski W. J. [eds.] (2013), *Proceedings of the 2013 International Budo Conference by the Japanese Academy of Budo*, University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba.

5. Under the patronage of the President IMACSSS were also held symposiums:

- 18. 06. 2011, Rzeszów, II International Symposium Idokan Poland in Rzeszów on „Man – Martial Arts – Present” (II Międzynarodowe Sympozjum Idokan Polska w Rzeszowie *Człowiek – sztuki walki – współczesność*);
- 23-24. 02. 2012, Warsaw, 2nd International Congress on Judo: “Science for Judo Practice”;
- March 23, 2013, Rzeszów. 3rd IPA Symposium “*Martial Arts in Scientific Research*”. workshops were led by *shihan* Lothar Sieber, 10 dan *jujutsu*;
- 11. 10. 2013, Rzeszów. A special Scientific and Methodological session „The theory and practice of martial arts: Judo” (Specjalna Sesja Naukowo-Metodyczna *Z teorii i praktyki sportów walki: JUDO*). Workshops were lead by *sensei* Rafał Kubacki, 7 dan *judo*.

6. Cooperation. We work closely with ISSSS – the International Society for Social Sciences of Sport, ECSS – European College of Sport Science, IASK – International Association of Sport Kinetics, ‘Idokan Poland’ Association (IPA), Japanese Academy of Budo (JAB), European Martial Arts Committee (formerly known as European Jujutsu & Kobudo Committee), German Dan-Holder & Budo-Teacher Association (DDBV e.V.), Department of PE, University of Rzeszów, and several other institutions. But this is not formalized cooperation in the form of signed contracts.

7. IMACSSS size (number of members) in the years 2010-2014

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Now
32	40	79	84	102	117

8. Plans for our actions – initial vision 2014-2018

Events:

We are now currently during 3rd International Conference IMACSSS (Rzeszów 2014). Most likely the next ones will be:

- **Aydin** (Turkey, Prof. F. Hazar), September of October 2015 – 4th International Conference IMACSSS;
- **Rio Maior** (Portugal, Prof. A. Vences Brito), 2016 – 5th International Conference IMACSSS;
- In Asia or America, 2017 (We are in the arrangements, waiting for proposals) - 6th International Conference IMACSSS;
- **Rzeszów** once again, I would like to make it happen in April 2018 – 7th International Conference IMACSSS, together with 25th IPA Commemoration Symposium.

I am organizing a little IMACSSS Symposium during the ECSS Conference in Vienna’2016, too. It is still under discussion with the ECSS Board.

Journals: “*Ido Movement for Culture. Journal of Martial Arts Anthropology*” is already indexed in several prestigious scientific databases, especially in Elsevier/Scopus. Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education awarded our quarterly high score – 10 index points., highest on the B list of the Ministry of Higher Education. We have also secured funding of next two volumes. In December of this year we want to apply to Thomson Reuters.

I do not have to explain that most important for us now are citations in ISI Journals.

Also, the “*Revista de Artes Marciales Asiaticas*”, under the direction of editor in Chief, Prof. Carlos Gutierrez-Garcia, is a great development.

Research projects: IMACSSS.1/2011 Project, under the auspices of the Division of Sociology and Anthropology and the Division of Pedagogy, has some delays due to lack of funding. But the results of studies already are noted, and will be published shortly.

I want to encourage members of Divisions and individual members to present at the forum IMACSSS their ideas, research projects, grant studies, etc.

I am also thinking about the new *Lexicon of Martial Arts and Combat Sports*, and I am now looking for a publisher.

Thank you for your attention and I am eager to answer any questions.