

VERACRUZ 2014 – CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES

WADA's Athlete Outreach Team for Veracruz 2014 was led by Edna Serra, WADA Coordinator, Latin America Regional Office, with a team of experts from Mexico's Comisión de Cultura Física y Deportes (CONADE). Over 450 participating athletes visited our booth, which was set up at the hotel where the delegation was staying. We strongly encourage other countries that are hosting Games to take on the Outreach challenge as was done by Mexico. The Central American and Caribbean Games are a regional sports event much like the Olympics. There are competitions in 36 sports, and a number of them will qualify for the Pan American Games, Toronto 2015. Veracruz was thrilled to host and participate in these Games.



UNESCO – VOLUNTARY FUND

In 2014, nine projects were submitted from countries of the region. One of our tasks is to support them with the application process by providing them with guidance and examples. Most of the countries in South America, Central America and the Caribbean have applied. Some of them have more than one project approved, which adds up to 53 projects approved in the region since 2010.



FIRST ANTI-DOPING IBERO AMERICAN SEMINAR

From 15-16 October, the first Ibero American Anti-Doping Seminar was held in Cartagena. The Seminar was run in cooperation with the Agencia Española de Protección de la Salud en el Deporte (AEPSAD), the Ministry of Sports of Colombia (COLDEPORTES) and the Latin America Regional Office.

A group of experts, from WADA, El Salvador, Puerto Rico and Uruguay, discussed different aspects of anti-doping such as: UNESCO's Awareness and Education projects, changes arising out of the 2015 Code, International Standards, TUEs, and the Results Management process.

Over twenty countries participated, with representation from experts in anti-doping and government. The outcome was excellent with people asking that more be held.

CONSULTATION MEETING: "SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL ANTI-DOPING ORGANIZATION"

On 21 October, Buenos Aires hosted a South American Regional Anti-Doping Meeting, which focused on the Latin American Regional Anti-Doping Organization and the possibility of creating a RADO for South America. The meeting was well attended, with representation from Government and the Olympic Movement of all the South American Countries.

A big thank you goes out to the Argentinean Olympic Committee for hosting this event and to the participants for their engagement. Argentina leveraged this event to host an Anti-Doping Seminar, which was attended by WADA's Director General, Mr. David Howman. and the Regional Director for Latin America, Lic. Prof. María José Pesce Cutri.

RADO WORKSHOP - MONTREAL

From 1-4 December, Montreal hosted a Workshop for RADO representatives.

It provided an excellent opportunity for exchange between representatives of the fifteen RADOs of the world. On behalf of our colleagues in Montreal, and the Regional Office Directors, we would particularly like to thank representatives of our region; as well as the CAM and Caribbean RADOs, for their outstanding participation.



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