

Association of UNESCO Former Staff Members (AFUS) Memory & Future Club



Sporting Values

and the Value of Sport

A Renewed Agenda for UNESCO

The educational value of physical activity and sport is well established: sport is recognized around the world as a "school of life" and an essential practice for health, education, gender equality, child and adult well-being. It also plays an important role in national development and in the transmission of the values of solidarity, mutual respect and fair play that contribute to the cohesion of the international community.

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As the United Nations' lead agency for sport and physical education, UNESCO informs, orients and supports policy and decision-making in sport. In performing this global task, UNESCO uses a unique set of instruments:

- the **International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport** – a rights-based reference of universal principles, such as gender equality, inclusivity, safety, integrity and sustainability;
- the **International Convention Against Doping in Sport** – a landmark standard in the field of sport ethics and governance;
- the **World Conference of Sport Ministers (MINEPS)** – the legitimate forum to create global consensus about sport policy issues and priorities;
- the **Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPE)** – the mechanism to ensure buy-in from governments and quality control by experts.

In 2017, the Sixth International Conference of Ministers of Sport (MINEPS VI) adopted the **Kazan Action Plan**, which is an international reference for sport policy development and an innovative action-based framework designed for integrating these policies into the United Nations global goals of the **2030 Agenda for sustainable development**.



To discuss these issues, the Memory & Future Club invited **Philipp Müller-Wirth**, who is presently in charge of sport policies in UNESCO's Social Sciences Sector, and two former staff members : **Marie José Lallart**, who launched "Hope and solidarity through ball games", a worldwide project for education through sport of disadvantaged children and **Nikita Dergatcheff** who took part in the creation of the International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport (FIDEPS) and initiated UNESCO's partnerships with the private sector in the field of sport.



The **Memory & Future Club** of the Association of Former UNESCO staff strives to collect and transmit testimonies of former officials and confront them to current issues in international cooperation. Building on their shared memory, members of this group meet informally with colleagues in charge to exchange freely and find through past experience a better path for the future.



Philipp Müller-Wirth

is in charge of sport policies in UNESCO's Social Sciences Sector (SHS). An economist by training, his career evolved since 1991 around three areas: partnerships with the business community, institutional communication and branding, and sport. He coordinated the last two World Conferences of Sport Ministers: MINEPS V in Germany in 2013 and MINEPS VI in Russia in 2017. He chaired the drafting of the outcome documents of these conferences, the Declaration of Berlin and the Kazan Action Plan, as well as of the revised International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport. As Secretary of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), he is continuously developing strategic partnerships for international sport policy development..



Marie José Lallart

a psychologist by training, holds a doctorate degree in philosophy. A former UNESCO official, she was responsible between 1979 and 2007 for "Hope and solidarity through ball games", a project for educating disadvantaged children through sport for which she carried out more than 60 field missions, mainly in Africa. Between 2007 and 2012, she developed with Mikaël Silvestre, a professional football player from Manchester United, "Schools of Hope" an organization of which she has since become the Director. She is also Deputy Secretary-General of the International Confederation for Adapted Sport and Culture (CIFSAC), member of the Steering Committee of the French Federation of Adapted Sport (FFSA), Vice-President of the French Association for Sport Without Violence and Fair Play (AFSVFP) and President of « Links of Hope » with Dr. Denis Mukwege, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 for his work in Bukavu, DRC, in favor of women victims of sexual violence. She has published a number of books, including *Les enfants invisibles: histoires d'enfants des rues* (Invisible Children: Stories of Street Children, with Olivier Villepreux, Actes Sud 2012) and *D'un silence à un autre* (From One Silence to Another, with Gustavo Celedón, L'Harmattan 2016).



Nikita Dergatcheff

joined UNESCO in 1969 and contributed to the organization of a number of major event including the first International Conference of Ministers of Sport (MINEPS I). In 1979, he took part in the creation of the International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport (FIDEPS), which he managed until 1995. The progressive depletion of the resources allocated to the Fund led to the development of an active policy of partnership with the private sector, which successfully resulted in the organization of the 1990 UNESCO/BMW Paris-Astrakhan motorcycling expedition on the Silk Roads. In 1991 he was seconded to the Program "Integral Study of the Silk Roads: Roads of Dialogue" and partly led the scientific expedition of the Steppe Roads through five Central Asian Republics. Subsequently, he was involved in several innovative projects to mobilize external funding for youth-development programs. He worked on a partnership agreement with youth travel organizations for the launch of an International student identity card (ISIC card) bearing the UNESCO logo. On the 50th anniversary of UNESCO, he coordinated several cycles of activities, including "Youth in the Making" with the Romanian National Commission and "Handiathlon-Handipaix" with the association Handicap without Borders. After 1995, he joined the coordination of the Central Asia Program.

