

# Association of National Anti-Doping Organisations

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### Introduction

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This second Newsletter gives an update on the different issues ANADO has been working on since the last Newsletter that was sent in August.

FINADA has kindly provided a useful insight into their approach to collecting athlete whereabouts information under the WADC.

We wish to remind you that this Newsletter can and should be used to provide information and as a means to exchange opinions, ideas and experience. All members are very welcome to send information and updates on relevant issues.

Enjoy the latest news.....

### Membership

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We are pleased to inform you that we have 21 Organisations from all 5 Olympic World Regions that have sent in their Membership Application Form. To date, 19 are valid Members and have voting rights. Two organisations still have to pay their Membership fee in order to be considered as valid Members. In addition, two more organisations have showed their interest in joining the ANADO.

### Annual General Assembly 2003

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The General Assembly will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> November, from 5 pm-9 pm. All Members of the ANADO should have received the agenda and documentation by e-mail. If, for any reasons, you have not received this information, please send an e-mail as soon as possible to [post@antidoping.no](mailto:post@antidoping.no)

### Workshop

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ANADO is organising a first workshop prior to the General Assembly. It will take place on 4 November, from 6 pm – 9 pm and focus on the WADC Implementation. We encourage all to participate! For those who have not confirmed their participation yet, please do so by sending an e-mail to [post@antidoping.no](mailto:post@antidoping.no)

The second workshop is still planned in Switzerland during spring 2004 (European spring). More information will be provided at a later stage.

### Relationship between IADA and ANADO

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ANADO's President and Secretariat had a teleconference with IADA's Secretariat on 7 October in order to explore the possibilities of a working relationship between both parties. IADA wishes to collaborate with ANADO on different issues, and is positive to a future collaboration.

Both parties agreed to have a meeting on 5 November to progress the collaboration discussion.

### Buddy system

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The Secretariat and the Executive Committee have been working on draft guidelines on this mentoring project. It is intended that this project will assist newer NADOs to develop their skills and build capacity. We believe this concept will be of great benefit to both Mentors and Mentees. We hope to get the Buddy system up and running at the beginning of 2004.

### World Anti-Doping Code (WADC)

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During its meeting of early September, the ANADO Executive Committee asked Joseph de Pencier to co-ordinate a working group on World Anti-Doping Code compliance issues. NADOs were asked to name experts to participate in the working group. The NADOs of Denmark, Ireland, U.S., Switzerland, S.A., Finland, U.K. and Norway have done so (with experts of Austria, Netherlands and Cyprus also being circulated). The working group will report on its efforts at the up-coming ANADO AGM in Strasbourg.

To date, there have been three rounds of issues circulated for comment:

- Code Compliance Issues #1 deals with a variety of issues raised by Anti-Doping Norway, mostly involving sanctions and eligibility.
- Code Compliance Issues #2 deals with four issues raised the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (concerning Code Articles 2.4 - violation of applicable requirements regarding athlete availability for ooc testing, 7.2 - notification after initial review, 13.2.2. - definition of "National-Level Athletes," and 14.2 - public disclosure)
- Code Compliance Issues #3 deals with a variety of questions raised by the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency and others about the implications of the new WADA List 2004 and therapeutic use exemptions.

A document summarizing consideration of these issues will be circulated before the end of October. **Readers are invited to identify further issues for consideration by e-mail to Joseph ([jdepencier@cces.ca](mailto:jdepencier@cces.ca)).** In the meantime, all other NADOs are invited to name experts to participate in the working group.

### WADA-meeting

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Paul Melia and Michele Verroken had a meeting with WADA on 12<sup>th</sup> August. WADA was represented by David Howman, Rune Andersen and Casey Wade.

The meeting clarified the value and role of the ANADO, and a letter was sent to the original ANADO mailing list to clarify these issues.

### ANADO's website and logo

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After looking at two alternatives for developing a website (either it's own website or a website connected to an existing one) it has been decided to link the ANADO's website to ADN's website while ADN hosts the Secretariat and can maintain the site. This alternative is more cost efficient. The ANADO's website will have its own domain: [www.anado.org](http://www.anado.org).

Rens Van Kleij from NeCeDo is assisting the ANADO with the development of a logo. More information will be provided during the AGA.

### Executive Committee meeting

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The Executive Committee has had two teleconferences since the last newsletter was sent. The next Executive Committee meeting will take place in person in Strasbourg, on 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3 pm, prior to the Annual General Assembly.

### **WADA's letter of authority**

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We wish to remind you that the "Athlete's guide" for OOC-testing published by WADA underlines that all agencies conducting doping control testing on behalf of WADA shall provide WADA's letter of authority to the athletes being tested. It is the athlete's right to request to see this letter from the Doping Control Officers conducting the test.

If, for any reasons, you do not have a copy of the letter of authority, please contact WADA.

### **Athlete's whereabouts and WADA**

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#### World Anti-Doping Code

In the beginning of 2004 it will be obligatory for all international level athletes to provide their whereabouts information to their International federations as well as to their national authorities. The Athlete's governing body will have the responsibility of providing this information to WADA. Many countries are already collecting whereabouts information on a voluntary basis, but this task will become mandatory under the Code. This will translate into greater responsibility both for athletes and those charged with relaying to WADA the athlete's whereabouts information.

#### WADA's ADAMS project

WADA is currently in the process of developing a global Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS). This system will

- Act as a global Clearinghouse for doping control information ensuring openness and transparency (WADC art. 14.5)
- Collect, manage and distribute whereabouts information (WADC art. 14.3)
- Collect, manage and distribute granted TUE's (WADC art. 4.4)
- Plan, manage, operate and follow-up national and/or sport specific doping control programs

The primary role of ADAMS in relation to whereabouts information is to facilitate the collection of information from the Athlete's Governing bodies over the Internet. This also includes providing the NADO's and IF's with a pre-made web-system for managing their own athletes' information. By utilizing this system the NADO or IF does not have to invest in developing their own IT solution and all relevant information will automatically be provided to WADA.

The Code allows for both NADO's and IF's to collect whereabouts information on the same athletes. This may cause some difficulty and confusion among the actors. The most reasonable solution would be to have this information collected by national agencies, which have closest contacts with their athletes and then deliver this information to WADA who has the responsibility of distributing the information to all relevant testing authorities, including the IF's. This issue will be addressed at the International Symposium on Whereabouts information held in Colorado Springs later in October.

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### Finnish Model

Finland has created an electronic passport system for athletes' information and doping control national administration. It is a highly secure internet based system where athletes have their own pages to fill in whereabouts information, contact information and f.ex. see all their test results. For Finnish Antidoping Agency FINADA it is an administration system for all doping control information. The data system is built so that this information could be electronically transferred to WADA's ADAMS system. There have been negotiations between WADA and FINADA so that their systems will in the future "discuss" with each other. This is naturally an ideal situation.

### Reality

Globally the situation is still totally different. There are countries where the antidoping organizations still need development and most of the countries or IFs do not have electronic data systems to transfer the information to WADA.

### Future

For the athlete, the optimal solution is to report his or her whereabouts information to only one organization.

In countries where antidoping organizations are developed enough to gather this information the best solution would be for the NADO to collect the information and provide it to WADA through ADAMS. The information will then be distributed to all relevant authorities. In other countries the best solution for the athlete could be to provide his or her information directly to the National- or International Federation whom then provide it to WADA through ADAMS. Much work remains to be done before the ideal solution can be developed.

I would like to thank Mr. Andreas Hoistad from WADA for revision of this article.

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The ANADO's President and Secretariat met with WADA to hear WADA's presentation on the ADAMS project.

From left to right:  
Andreas Hoistad, Senior Manager, Technology, WADA  
Paul Melia, President, ANADO

Oslo, October 2003

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All your feedback and comments on any of the items mentioned in the newsletter can be sent to the address below. Furthermore, do not hesitate to say what you expect of the ANADO, as well as give suggestions on what we can do to build up this Association in the best way in order to achieve the objectives mentioned in the ANADO's Constitution, at the same time as involving all Members/Observers.

Members/ Observers are also kindly invited to send information submissions to be included in the future newsletters.

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