Department of Oral History of Iran Sport
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Oral History of Iran Sport
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Foreword

Oral history is a historical research in which the researcher compiles information through historical documentary data and proofs from amongst knowledgeable eye witnesses of historical developments and interviews.

Importance of the Oral History of Sport

A great number of memories from sports veterans are on the brink of being forgotten and various affairs related to sports history are fading away both at line and staff levels. Moreover, the experiences gained and measures taken by sports officials and sports experts who could act as practical role models could no longer be used following their retirement. Apart from experts, researchers are also deprived of this oral resources at first hand. It was with these considerations in mind that the National Olympic Committee of the Islamic Republic of Iran put the project for drawing up the oral history of Iran sport high on its agenda in June 2018 in cooperation with the National Paralympic Committee, Ministry of Sport and Youth and the presence of country’s elite figures in sport, history and media following the approval of the NOC President.
Oral History of Iran Sport Policy-Making Council convened its first official meeting on 29th May 2018 with participation of its President, Vice President, Secretary as well as 12 members whose names are as follows.

Dr. Seyed Reza Salehi Amiri  
- President of Council  
- NOC President

Dr. Reza Gharakhanlou  
- Vice President  
- NOA President

Ms. Shahrzad Kordbacheh  
- Secretary  
- Director of Center of Studies, Cultural Affairs & Communication

Mr. Mahmoud Abdollahi  
- Member  
- NOC Public Relations Director

Dr. Abdollamid Ahmadi  
- Member  
- Ministry of Sport and Youth Deputy to Culture & Development Affairs

Mr. Masoud Asharafi  
- Member  
- Acting Secretary General of National Paralympic

Dr. Gholamreza Azizi  
- Member  
- Chairman of Documents Research Center

Dr. Habibollah Esmaeilli  
- Member  
- Director of Museum, Library and Documents Center

Ms. Nahid Karimi  
- Member

Dr. Seyed Nasrollah Sajadi  
- Member  
- NOC President Senior Advisor

Mr. Hossein Sebti  
- Member  
- Documentary Filmmaker

Ms. Tahereh Taherian  
- Member  
- NOC Vice President

Dr. Gholamhossein Shabani  
- Member  
- NOC Media Commission Chairman

Mr. Mehdi Zanganeh  
- Member  
- Documentary Filmmaker

Department of Oral History of Iran Sport
As the first important step taken by the Council, this department was established in the National Olympic Academy Library & Documents Center.
Vision & Objectives

Vision:
Drawing up the oral history of Iran sport based on narratives of living eyewitnesses

Objectives:
- Drawing up the oral history of Iran sport with an emphasis on oral history
- Drawing up the oral history of Iran National Olympic & Paralympic Committees based on oral history
- Taking lessons and gaining experiences and turning implicit knowledge of sports community to explicit knowledge (avoiding forgetfulness and fading away of experiences, data and knowledge obtained through spending high costs and turning them into a means for a generating system)
- Development of research in history of Iran sport in the fields in which proofs and documents are rare or have single-sided approach or even there are not any witnesses or evidences
- Narration and documentation of hidden dimensions and untold stories of history of Iran sport
- Presenting a live image from history of Iran sport based on direct and indirect experience of the interviewee
- Revealing the interviewees’ value-based remarks and individual judgements on the historical developments and contemporary characters
- Expressing the wishes, and concerns existing behind events
- Providing opportunity for releasing data and exchanging experiences with other memories and documents
- Compiling documents, works and papers related to projects

- Reconstructing the culture of chivalry and sports ethics and sharing sports knowledge with veterans and young generation
Foremost among other activities of the department and council are the organization of 11 official meetings of the council and 10 meetings of the Specialized & Research Working Group with physical education experts, history and media, as well as the approval of the bylaw and drawing up the plan for oral history of sport in Iran.

Running a software for managing research projects and information architecture, approval of the logo and letterheads for administrative affairs, preparing the minutes of the meetings, specialized working groups and follow-ups of the relevant meetings’ approvals, communication, preparing internal and international news and official reports, cooperation and interaction with Olympic Solidarity, organizing many meetings with the media as well as IRIB are amongst the major programs carried out by the Oral History of Iran Sport Department.
Approval of the Research Projects of Oral History of Sport

- Oral History of Football in Iran (1922-1979), Researcher: Dr. Habibullah Esmaeili
- Oral History of Women Sports Developments in Iran, Researcher: Dr. Gholamrza Azizi
- Oral History of Wrestling in Iran, Researcher: Dr. Hosein Sebti
- Oral History of Sports Press in Iran, Researcher: Mr. Ebrahim Afshar
Interaction and cooperation with the Sports Sciences & Physical Education Institute in line with running a research software (Pajoheshyar)

The Oral History of Iran Sport Call addressed to the universities of country

Collaboration in Making oral history research projects became operational on the threshold of new cooperation with other sports scientific bodies.

The Department of Oral History of Iran Sport cooperates with the Media Commission as well as other commissions involved in the project entitled “National Olympic Committee Studio” so as to observe all technical standards in projects related to Oral History of Iran Sport.
Department of Oral History of Iran Sport renders its services through enjoying the oral history interviews, recognizing history of Iran sport, reviving the culture of chivalry and sports ethics and sharing sports knowledge among veterans and the youth, also by presenting a live image of sports history in Iran, receiving works and documents, collecting and purchasing gifts as to preparing content and enriching the National Museum of Sport, Olympic & Paralympic of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Supporting the Oral History of Iran Sport portal linked to the National Olympic Committee website and interacting with the Olympic Channel by preparing content are among other activities of this department.
Visits made by high school and university students in various levels from NOC cultural and historical activities in line with Olympic education and values with an eye to the culture and education of athletes and people from all walks of life, are among other activities of the department.
Organizing Oral History Training Workshops in 4 periods of the year

In accordance with the approvals of the Oral History of Iran Sport policy-making council, workshops were planned to be organized in three basic, intermediate and advanced levels with the following aims:

- Promoting and deepening the knowledge and skills of Iran Sports Oral History researchers
- Training researchers and assistants in the field of Iran Sports Oral History

Participation in the Basic Workshop

1. Participation in the Intermediate Workshop

Participation in the Advanced Workshop

2. Presentation and implementation of the research project

3. Participation in the Intermediate Workshop

4. Participation in the Basic Workshop
The Workshop of Familiarity with the Oral History of Sport in Iran (Basic)
8-9 January 2019

This 16-hour workshop was opened in the presence of Dr. Seyed Reza Salehi Amiri, NOC President, and Dr. Reza Gharakhanlou, NOA President, and organized under the supervision of the Oral History of Iran Sport Department director, Mrs. Shahrzad Kordbacheh.

Workshop Guests:
Ladies: Dr. Tahereh Taherian, Dr. Mahin Farhadizad, Dr. Fariba Mohamadian and Mrs. Karimi
Gentlemen: Dr. Abdolhamid Ahmadi, Dr. Gholamreza Azizi, Dr. Habibiullah Esmaeili, Dr. Hosein Sebti, Mr. Maziar Nazemi, Mr. Mahmoud Abdollahi, Mr. Ebrahim Afshari
Workshop Participants:

During this two-day workshop, 27 men and women with PhD and master degrees in sports physiology, pathology, cultural sociology, communication sciences, art, political sciences, sports management and planning came together. They were from various centers including Ministry of Sports and Youth, National Olympic & Paralympic Committee, National Olympic & Paralympic Academy, Institute of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, Military Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Azad University, Tarbiat Modares University, media as well as official news agencies.

Topics in the Basic Workshop

- Oral history of sport in Iran
- Familiarity with history and oral history
- Research methodology in oral history
- Executive procedure of oral history
The Workshop of Familiarity with the Oral History of Sport in Iran (Intermediate)
13, 20, 27 & 28 February 2019

This workshop was opened in the presence of Dr. Reza Gharakhanlou, NOA President, and organized under the supervision of the Oral History of Iran Sport Department director, Mrs. Shahrzad Kordbacheh.

Workshop Participants:
- 15 people from Ministry of Sport and Youth, National Olympic Committee, Media, and Ministry of Science, Research and Technology participated in this workshop.
Participants’ Education Background:
- PhD in specialized sports sciences, communications, social sciences, master of communications and …

Topics taught in the Intermediate Workshop:
- Interview techniques
- Sports contemporary history
- Global experiences of oral history of sport
- Considerations for drawing up the oral history
- Oral history from idea to practice (documentary film)
- Advanced research methodology in oral history (theory-practice)
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