



# GSP Newsletter

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## TO OUR READERS, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES:

The second quarter of 2006 continued to be a very busy time for Global Sports Partners (GSP). The majority of our time was occupied with working with Cartan Tours in its efforts to serve as the Official Ticket and Travel Agent for several of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) within the Americas. Currently Cartan has been designated as the General Service Agent for 13 NOCs with negotiations underway with several more NOCs to become part of the Cartan Olympic family.

### APRIL, 2006

GSP attended the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) meetings in Seoul, Korea as well as the Sports Accord that was staged in Seoul at the same time. While in Seoul, GSP had the opportunity to meet with several of friends and business partners including ANOC President Mario Vázquez Raña who we are most grateful to for allowing us to attend these meetings. It was also quite gratifying for Greg Harney to return to Korea after serving as the United States Olympic Committee's Delegation Director for the Seoul Olympic Games nearly twenty years ago.



*Cartan Tours and the Aruban NOC in Seoul*



Immediately after the meetings in Seoul, GSP and Cartan Tours visited both Beijing and Hong Kong, China to begin planning and preparations for the 2008 Olympic Games. Both GSP and Cartan were quite pleased with the visit including the meetings held with Beijing Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games (BOCOG) management. While in China, GSP and Cartan were assisted by Jim Page, Jr. who has subsequently been retained as a local liaison by Cartan to assist with planning and preparations for the 2008 Olympic Games.

### *GSP and Cartan Tours at the BOCOG Offices*

To complete a busy month of activity, Global Sports Partners assisted with the Tour de Georgia cycling event. Working with Steve Brunner of King of the Mountain Sports, Francisco Campo assisted with international media relations at the event and has been requested to assist with the event next year.

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## MAY, 2006

The month of May brought even more travel for GSP and its sister company Cartan Tours with visits to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Buenos Aires, Argentina. The trip to Rio afforded Cartan to meet with fellow Olympic travel company, Tamayo Internacional, about how the two companies might be able to work together on travel services for not only the 2007 Pan American Games but also future Olympic Games.



*Don Williams of Cartan Tours with IOC Member Melitón Sanchez*



*GSP and Cartan Tours with the Netherlands Antilles NOC in Buenos Aires during the PASO General Assembly*

In Buenos Aires, GSP and Cartan attended the PASO General Assembly where it finalized several of its GSA agreements with Pan Am NOCs. The two companies also met with Pere Miró of the International Olympic Committee to brief him on GSP's and Cartan's efforts in the Americas. It was also a decade plus reunion for both Francisco Campo (Canada) and Greg Harney (United States) in their return to Argentina as the two served as Delegation Directors for their respective countries for the 1995 Pan American Games. Also, GSP and Cartan Tours witnessed the announcement of Guadalajara as the host city for the 2011 Pan American Games and wish them much success in the staging of a very successful event.

## JUNE, 2006

A significant amount of time in June was spent on two major projects – assisting the City of Houston with its 2016 bid response to the U.S. Olympic Committee as well as a self-move of the Harneys to Glendale, Arizona. With the move to Phoenix, Global Sports Partners will now have offices and representation in three cities in the United States – Colorado Springs, Los Angeles and Phoenix. It's also a return where Greg Harney began his sports administration career nearly thirty years ago when he worked in various capacities in the Arizona State University athletic department.



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**JUNE, 2006**

Also, in June, Global Sports Partners was invited to attend the lighting of the Central American and Caribbean Games flame ceremony at the Pyramids in Teotihuacan and Veracruz, Mexico. GSP extends its appreciation to both Hector Cardona, President of the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee, and to Felipe Munoz, President of the Mexican Olympic Committee, for allowing Francisco Campo to attend this prestigious event.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

As we write this newsletter, our thoughts and concerns go out to our associates and friends at the Iraqi Olympic Committee. Having personally communicated and worked with President Ahmad Al-Sammarai, along with Director General Tiras Odisho, we can only hope and pray for the safe return of the NOCI hostages.



*Francisco Campo at the Pyramids in Teotihuacan, Mexico prior to the lighting of the CACG flame*



*Former USOC executives Greg Harney (left) and Mike Moran (right) in San Diego during the USOC General Assembly*

Date	Activity	Location
July, 2006	Central American and Caribbean Games (CACG) Visit	Cartagena, Colombia
August, 2006	2008 Olympic Games Site Visit	Beijing and Hong Kong, China
August, 2006	World Equestrian Games Visit	Aachen, Germany
September, 2006	Cartan Olympic Travel Agency Seminar	Manhattan Beach, California USA