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## TO OUR READERS, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES:

The third quarter of 2006 was a very active time for Global Sports Partners (GSP) as the company traveled throughout the Americas, Asia and Europe. The majority of our time was occupied with attending and assisting at the Central American and Caribbean Games in Cartagena, Colombia (July) and a two week sojourn to China including Beijing and Hong Kong (August). The month of September allowed GSP to spend more time in the United States assisting its sister company, Cartan Tours, with the Beijing Travel Agency Seminar in Manhattan Beach, California.

## JULY, 2006

GSP was graciously hosted by the Colombian Olympic Committee and its President (Andrés Botero) and Secretary General (Alberto Ferrer) at the 2006 Central American and Caribbean Games in Cartagena, Colombia. While in Colombia, GSP was afforded the opportunity to attend both the ODECABE General Assembly (Central American and Caribbean NOC organization) as well as the CANOC (Caribbean NOCs) meeting. In addition, GSP was able to meet with several NOCs that both they and Cartan Tours will be working with before and during the Beijing Olympic Games. Thirty-two (32) countries participated in the Cartagena Games with 26 NOCs winning medals. The organization of the Games were outstanding and truly a preview of the Americas' best athletes who are preparing for the 2007 Pan American and 2008 Olympic Games.



*2006 ODECABE General Assembly  
Cartagena, Colombia*



*International Water Skinning President, Mr. Kuno Ritschard (left), Andrés Botero (right) with GSP Vice President Francisco Campo (center)*

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**AUGUST, 2006**

August 2006 may have been one of the busiest months since the creation of GSP as President Greg Harney spent nearly two weeks in Asia with Cartan Tours Vice President Don Williams while GSP Vice President Francisco Campo spent considerable time in Europe observing the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games and meeting with IOC Solidarity officials Pere Miró and Carolina Bayón. Harney and Williams also traveled to Bermuda to meet with Bermuda Olympic Association including its President John Hoskins and Secretary General Judy Simons. With the addition of Bermuda, GSP and Cartan Tours is now working with over 20 National Olympic Committees for the Beijing Olympic Games.



*GSP Vice President Francisco Campo (left) with IOC Director of Solidarity and NOC Relations Pere Miró (right)*



*GSP with Hong Kong Olympic Committee President and IOC member Timothy Fok and Secretary General Chang Pang*

The highlight of the trip to Hong Kong was the opportunity to meet with Hong Kong Olympic Committee officials including its President, Mr. Timothy Fok and its Secretary General, Mr. Chang Pang. In addition, GSP and Cartan Tours were able to spend time with Mr. Ronnie Wong, the Vice President of the Hong Kong NOC as well as a prominent FINA Bureau member. While in Hong Kong, Harney and Williams were also able to finalize details and arrangements with several hotels as it relates to its 2008 travel programs.

The Beijing trip was extremely productive as well thanks to the efforts of newly retained Cartan Tours Beijing liaison, Jim Page, Jr. (who can be reached at [jimcpage@gmail.com](mailto:jimcpage@gmail.com) for those NOCs and organizations traveling to Beijing and need local assistance). Meetings were held with BOCOG, local hotels and the Chinese Olympic Committee including its current Secretary General Gu Yaoming, along with its previous Secretary General Tu Mingde who is now a senior BOCOG executive.



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SEPTEMBER, 2006

Global Sports Partners and Cartan Tours had the pleasure of hosting its Beijing Travel Seminar in September at its Manhattan Beach, California offices. The seminar was attended by over 20 travel agencies throughout the Americas and the Pacific and included presentations from the Chinese National Tourist Bureau, the Chinese International Travel Service, the Hong Kong Tourist Board and SportsMark. The Elmore Sports Group Chairman, and Cartan Tours President, David G. Elmore hosted a reception and luncheon for the attendees who were quite pleased with the presentations.



*Travel agents at the Beijing Travel Seminar in Manhattan Beach, California, USA hosted at a luncheon by David G., Elmore, Chairman of The Elmore Sports Group and President of Cartan Tours*

At the end of the month, GSP representatives Francisco Campo and Steve Brunner were invited to attend the Mexican Olympic Committee's IOC marketing seminar where it had the opportunity to meet with COM President and PASO Secretary General Felipe Munoz as well as with IOC Marketing Director Elisabeth Allaman. While in Mexico Señor Campo also spent time in Guadalajara meeting with PASO and Atletica officials. In early September, both Harney and Campo attended a luncheon hosted by the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority and Global Spectrum at the new Glendale, Arizona stadium. Also in attendance for this meeting was the City of Glendale as there was considerable discussion on how GSP might assist all of these organizations with future sporting and international events.



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Date	Activity	Location
October, 2006	Caribbean NOC and Travel Agent Visits	U.S. and British Virgin Islands plus Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic
November, 2006	2008 Olympic Games Site Visit	Beijing and Hong Kong, China
November, 2006	IOC Sport for All Conference	Havana, Cuba
November, 2006	South American Games	Buenos Aires, Argentina
November, 2006	Caribbean NOC Meeting	Nassau, Bahamas



*International travel agents and delegates at the 2006 Beijing Travel Seminar hosted by GSP and Cartan Tours, September 2006, Manhattan Beach, California., USA*