



GSP Newsletter

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TO OUR READERS, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES:

As we conclude the first full year of Global Sports Partners (GSP), and our association with the Elmore Sports Group and Cartan Tours, we take this opportunity to wish everyone a prosperous and satisfying new year. We truly cherish our associations, relationships and friendships with all of you and look forward to working with everyone in 2007!

OCTOBER, 2006

GSP had the pleasure of visiting several of its Caribbean NOCs and sub-agents in October beginning with a stop in the Virgin Islands where both President **Greg Harney** and Vice President **Francisco Campo** participated in the VIOC's 40th Anniversary Celebration held in St. Croix. The trip to the VI concluded with a fabulous evening in St. Thomas where Harney and Campo were hosted by the VIOC's Secretary General, **Angel "Chico" Morales**, Vice President **Lyn Reid** and Treasurer **Leonard "Mr B" Bonnelli**. After the VIOC meeting, both **Harney** and **Campo** traveled to the British Virgin Islands to finalize the IVB's agreement with Cartan Tours and to visit with sub-agent Travel Consultants including its manager **Corinne Fonseca**.



GSP's Francisco Campo (left) and Greg Harney (right) with the VIOC's President Hans LaWaetz

At the end of October, **Campo** and **Harney** traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico where they met with the NOC sub-agent Condado Travel to discuss Beijing 2008 plans and programs. **Campo** then continued on to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to meet with the DOM National Olympic Committee and sub-agent Ameropa Travel (see picture of **Michael Espino** on page four). While in Santo Domingo, **Campo** also met briefly with many International Boxing delegates who were in the Dominican Republic to attend the AIBA's General Assembly where IOC member **C.K. Wu** was elected as Boxing's new Federation president.



GSP's Harney and Campo with the IVB's President Reynold O'Neal (left) and Vice President John Lewis (right) in Tortola, British Virgin Islands

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GSP Vice President **Francisco Campo** represented Global Sports Partners at the IOC's World Sport for All Congress in Havana, Cuba where he met with several IOC and NOC colleagues. Immediately after the IOC Congress in Cuba, **Campo** then traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina to attend the South American Games to meet with several NOC officials including Cartan Tours clients Aruba, Colombia, Ecuador, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname and Uruguay. While in Argentina, **Campo** also had very productive meetings with the NOCs of Chile and Peru. The Argentina trip was the end of a near-month of travel for **Campo** who visited 7 countries in 25 days! Also in November, GSP President **Greg Harney** had his own version of an around the world excursion beginning with a trip to Chicago to meet with the U.S. Soccer Federation. **Harney** and GSP's International soccer consultant, **Thom Meredith**, met with U.S. Soccer regarding possibilities on how Cartan Tours could support them with various international travel and tour programs beginning in 2007. Immediately after the visit with U.S. Soccer, **Harney** then traveled to Nassau, Bahamas to attend the Caribbean NOC General Assembly where he was able to meet with several NOC officials who have designated Cartan Tours as their official Sales agent for the 2008 Olympic Games. While in Nassau, he also met with senior Pan American Games leaders from Rio 2007 and Guadalajara 2011. **Harney's** global tour continued from the Bahamas directly to Hong Kong where he and Cartan Tours Beijing Director, **Jim Page**, met with HK NOC officials as well as the Harbour Plaza Metropolis, one of Cartan Tours' designated hotels for Equestrian at the 2008 Games. **Harney's** and **Page's** trip in the Orient concluded with BOCOG meetings in Beijing and a social visit with the Japanese Olympic Committee in Tokyo, Japan.



GSP Vice President Francisco Campo (center) with Rio 2007 Operations Under Secretary Officer Mario Cilenti (right) and Operations Director Daniel Ridao (left) at the 2006 South American Games in Buenos Aires



Cartan Tours Vice President Don Williams with Bermuda NOC President John Hoskins in front of Bermuda's new National Stadium that includes a world class track and football pitch



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Both **Campo** and **Harney** had anticipated having the privilege of attending the 15th Asian Games in Doha, Qatar, but were unable to do so. However, Global Sports Partners extends its congratulatory remarks to Doha and the Olympic Council of Asia on what was portrayed globally as a very successful Games. Though not traveling in December, **Harney** and **Campo** kept extremely busy working with several of its NOCs on potential ticket orders and agreements for the 2008 Olympic Games. In this regard, the Beijing Olympic Organizing Committee (BOCOG) has distributed its initial Ticket Sales Guides to all National Olympic Committees and is currently finalizing agreements with all of the NOCs in order to officially launch its ticket sales program beginning April 3, 2007. To date, both GSP and Cartan Tours are working with 25 NOCs throughout Africa, the Americas and the Pacific. For those NOCs who have not finalized their agreements with BOCOG, we strongly encourage them to do as initial ticket orders are due back to them prior to 1 March 2007. If any NOC needs any assistance with this program, please don't hesitate to contact either **Greg Harney** (gregharney@gspartners.net) or **Francisco Campo** (franciscocampo@gspartners.net) via email.

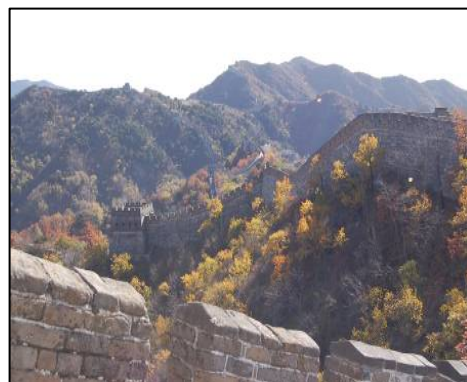


Also in December, Cartan Tours and GSP finalized the sales guides for the 2008 Games and hope to have these publications in circulation during the first quarter of 2007. In addition, both Cartan Tours and GSP are pleased to announce they are planning a Sub-Agent "FAM" (familiarization) trip to Beijing and Hong Kong in late April/early May. Further details about this trip will be forthcoming in January, 2007.

GREETINGS FROM BEIJING

Courtesy of Jim Page, GSP/Cartan Tours Beijing Director

With the Beijing Games less than two years away, our Beijing Director, Jim Page, will provide frequent updates about the Chinese capitol as well as the culture of the Chinese people. To the right is a stunning photograph of the Great Wall, one of the many Chinese tourist attractions that Cartan Tours will offer in its travel packages to Beijing. As part of our newsletter we would like to begin by introducing a few words and key phrases to the international guests planning on visiting China before, during and after the Games:



Ni Hao (knee how) – Hello Zai Jian (tsai g an)– Goodbye
Xie Xie (shea shea)–Thank You



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UPCOMING 2007 CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Location
January, 2007	Mexican NOC and Travel Agent Meeting	Mexico City, Mexico
January, 2007	IOC Meetings	Lausanne, Switzerland
February, 2007	African International Sports Convention and African NOC Meetings	Dakar, Senegal
February, 2007	China 2008 Site Visit	Beijing and Hong Kong
March, 2007	PASO NOC Visits	To be determined



Caribbean NOC officials in full concentration at the recent CANOC General Assembly held in Nassau, Bahamas in November, 2006 listening to Rio 2007 and Guadalajara 2011 presentations



Michael Espino, owner and operator of Ameropa Travel in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and a Cartan Tours sub-agent, hard at work at the recent Weightlifting Championships and AIBA meetings

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