

The Pan American Hockey Federation - A Short History

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What is the Pan American Hockey Federation? - The approved preamble to the statutes sums this up:
""_The Pan American Hockey Federation is responsible for the organization of hockey in the geographical confines of the American Continent as recognized by the F.I.H., and its activities shall be in accordance with such guidelines as shall be established by the council of the. F. I. H."

The Pan Am Federation came into being on Oct.17, 1959 in Greenwich, Connecticut, USA. when J. William Middendorf and Richard K. Hulbert representing the Field Hockey Assn. of America and George N Parsons and Dante Franceschini representing the Association Amateur Argentina de Hockey sobre Césped met with the purpose of forming the Pan American Field Hockey Federation.

Therefore the charter members were the United States and Argentina which were both already members of the International Hockey Federation.

The following were the initial officers of the association and were to serve until the First Assembly:
President - J. William Middendorf - USA; Vice President – George N. Parsons - Argentina: Secretary - Treasurer - Richard K. Hulbert - USA.

It appears the first "assembly" took place in Winnipeg during the 1967 Pan American Games (which included hockey for the first time)

The following officers were elected in Winnipeg:
President - M. Paler - Marti (Mexico)
Secretary - P.N. Porritt (Canada)
Vice Presidents - A. Arriaca (Argentina)
W. Browne (Jamaica)
J.K.Greer (USA)
A. J. P. Kusters (Netherlands Antilles)

The next congress was held in Cali - Columbia (again during the Pan American Games) in 1971, and the following were elected:
President - M. Azriel (Argentina)
Secretary - P.N. Porritt (Canada)
Vice Presidents
N. America – Victor higgs (USA)
C. America - Ernesto Zubietu(Mexico)
S. America – Rodolfo Westerdarp (Chile)

The Third Congress took place four years later (with a new constitution which was to include 6 directors) in Mexico during the 1975 Pan Am Games. The following were elected:
President - M. Azriel (Argentina)
Secretary Treasurer -P.N.Porritt (Canada)
Directors: A. Anderson (Jamaica)
C.Hernandez Schaffler (Mexico)
K. Raymond (Trinidad)
C.Waters (USA)
R. Westendarp(Chile)
E. Zubieto (Mexico)

At this time the Secretary became Secretary/Treasurer, as this was the first time the member countries were asked to pay dues.

In July 1979 In San Juan Puerto Rico, again during the Pan Am Games the next congress was held and the following were elected:

President: C.Hernandez Schaffler (Mexico)
Sec/Treasurer : P.N.Porrirt (Canada)
Directors: P.Moser (Argentina)
E.A. Prescott (Trinidad and Tobago)
A. Robinson (Jamaica)
A. Von Ondarza (Venezuela)
F. Wenderoth (Chile)
A.S. Woods (USA)
E. Zubieta (Mexico)

Shortly before the 1983 Congress in Caracas Venezuela the F.I.H. and the I.W.F.H.A. amalgamated and so two female directors were to be elected under a revised again Pan Am Constitution:

President - C. Hernandez Schaffler (Mexico)
Sec/Tres. - P.N. Porrirt
2 Female Directors - Mrs. de Massa (Argentina)
Miss S. Neill (Canada)
Male Directors J. Molina (Cuba)
E.A. Prescott (Trinidad and Tobago)
A. Von Ondarza (Venezuela)
C. Valenzuela (Chile)
A.S. Woods (USA)
E. Zubieta (Mexico)

The 1987 Congress in Indianapolis USA had the following “ firsts”

- 1) A revised constitution to mirror the new F.I.H. statutes and by-laws
- 2) The first election of a president (other than by acclimation)
- 3) The largest number of candidates for directors positions
- 4) Three women were elected; the results were:

President - A. Von Ondarza (Venezuela)
Sec/Tres. - P.N. Porrirt

Directors - Mrs. de Massa (Argentina)
Miss S. Neill (Canada)
Miss G. Robertson
M. Alberti (Argentina)
S. Geyger (Chile)
S. Shann (Jamaica)
V. Warren (Canada)
A.S. Woods (USA)
J. Molina (Cuba) Ad-Hoc member

The 1991 Congress in Havana Cuba was honoured by the presence of Mr. E. Glicitch, the President of the F.I.H. and Mr. A. Juantorino, the great Cuban Athlete and Olympic Gold Medalist. The following were elected or re-elected:

- President - A. Von Ondarza (Venezuela)
 Sec/Tres. - P.N. Porritt
- Directors - Mrs. de Massa (Argentina)
 Miss S. Neill (Canada)
 Miss G. Robertson
 Mr. R. Gonzalez (Cuba)
 Mr. W. Humphrey (Barbados)
 Mr. E. Guelfand (Argentina)
 Mr. V. Warren (Canada)
 Mr. A.S. Woods (USA)

The current membership of the Pan Am Federation is made up of these 19 countries: (this about ¼ for the world governing body F.I.H.)

Argentina	Barbados	Canada	Cuba
Guyana	Mexico	Peru	Trinidad and Tobago Venezuela
	Netherlands Antilles	Bermuda	Chile
United States	Paraguay	Jamaica	Puert Rico
Uruguay member)	Brazil (adherent member)		Cayman Islands (adherent

The most important event in the Pan Am Calendar is the Pan Am Games held every four years. The first hockey in the Pan Am Games was in 1967 and there have been seven tournaments altogether. Of Significance of course is the fact that this tournament is an Olympic Qualifying tournament for men's hockey. In 1987, in Indianapolis, women competed for the first time. Up to and including 1991, Argentina has never missed a men's or women's final.

Also of major importance is the fact that in 1978 in Mexico, the first Junior Men's (U-21) tournament was held. This is a qualifier for the junior World Cup. Subsequent tournaments have been held for the Junior men in Santiago Chile (1981), Orlando Florida USA (1985) and Trinidad and Tobago in 1988. Now also in 1988 in Buenos Aires, Argentina the first Junior ladies tournament was held as an Americas Qualifier for the first ever World Junior Ladies Cup held in Ottawa, Canada in July 1989.

In addition, it should be noted that the World Cup (men) had been hosted in Buenos Aires Argentina (1978) and the Junior World Cup (men) had been hosted by Canada in Vancouver in 1985. Furthermore, the 1989 Intercontinental Cup (men) was hosted by USA in Madison, New Jersey. Moreover, the Americas have hosted Olympic Hockey tournaments in Mexico City (1968) Los Angeles (1932 & 1984) and Montreal in 1976.

The results to the various Pan Am competitions are as follows:

PAN AM GAMES

CITY	YEAR	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
Winnipeg	1967	ARG	TRI	USA	CAN	JAM	MEX	BER	AHO		
Cali	1971	ARG	MEX	CAN	CHI	USA	JAM	TRI	GUY		
Mexico	1975	ARG	CAN	MEX	JAM	CHI	USA	GUY			
San Juan	1979	ARG	CAN	MEX	CUB	CHI	USA	BAR	JAM	TRI	PUR
Caracas	1983	CAN	ARG	CHI	USA	MEX	CUB	TRI	VEN	BAR	
Indianacola	1987	CAN	AFG	USA	CHI	TRI	BAR	MEX	BER	JAM	PER
Havana	1991	ARG	CAN	USA	BAR	CHI	CUB	TRI	VEN	JAM	GUY

JUNIOR PAN PAM GAMES

CITY	YEAR	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
Mexico Santiago	1978	ARG	CHI	CAN	MEX	CUB	JAM	USA	PUR				

Etc – results as on web site in 2009