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FOREWORD: THE NEED TO DISCLOSE WOMEN'S BIOGRAPHIES

The idea for this collective work around sports leaders' biographies saw light during discussions held around a workshop organized as part of the second meeting of the *Réseau d'Etudes des Relations Internationales Sportives* (RERIS), in Barcelona, July 2016. In regard to the call for papers and our respective research interests—the shared edition of a book on sport during the Cold War (published with De Gruyter), paired with some more small projects around biographies from several leaders, including some women—the Gender gap around sports leaders' biographies was clearly at the centre of our concerns and discussions. Thus, the exchanges worked so well that second RERIS meeting, that we decided to have another round—in July 2017—this time only around female leaders.

This book embodies, to our greatest proudness, this network's second publication. As such, we need to thank Claire Nicolas and Georgia Cervin who kindly took upon themselves the heavy burden of editing this volume, dealing with some authors—including me—passionate about the topic but also facing sometimes difficulties to deal with their archives, problematization or even leader(s). In addition to their extensive knowledge of international sports relations and their undeniably critical minds, Georgia and Claire's commitment is the key factor for the success of this book.

This volume has several objectives that are both scientific and more epistemological. First, it wishes to make available the biographies of women sports leaders whose careers and successes are not necessarily yet

known to the historian community. Secondly, it has a more methodological objective, by combining work whose tools and archives reveal the entire range available to historians, from institutional archives of international organizations to interviews with women leaders themselves. Thirdly, by making it possible to update biographies that are secondary or that were too long considered less important than those of the presidents, this volume plunges us into the heart of the manufacturing processes of international sport, but also shows us in an original light the problems associated with the gender of actors in a world of sport that still remains a “feudom of virility”.

Thus, this book wants to be a milestone in (and beyond) the field of sport history, not for itself, but for the horizon it shows and the hopes it raises around the need to disclose women's biographies.

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We hope that this volume will open new questions on Women's sport, Women's biographies, Women's commitment to the development and institutionalization of sport, but more broadly that it will spark off new debates to be discussed in Barcelona ... or anywhere else of course!

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACV	Archives du Canton de Vaud (Vaud State Archives, Switzerland)
AGN	Archivo General de la Nación (National Archives, Mexico)
AIBA	Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (International Boxing Association—Amateur)
ANOM	Archives Nationales d’Outre-mer (National Archives of West-Africa)
ANS	Archives Nationales du Sénégal (National Archives of Senegal)
ASA	Amateur Swimming Association (England)
CCC	Comité pour la coopération Culturelle (Council for Cultural Cooperation Europe)
COE	Comité Olímpico Español (Spanish Olympic Committee)
COJXIXO	Comité Organizador de los Juegos de la XIX Olimpiada (Organising Committee of the XIX Olympiad, Mexico 1968)
COOB’92	Olímpic Organitzador de Barcelona’92 (Organising Committee of the XXV Olympiad, Barcelona 1992)
EC	Executive Committee
ECC	European Champions Club’s Cup commission
EES	Education extra-scolaire (Extra-Curricular Education)
FEI	Fédération Équestre Internationale (International Equestrian Federation)
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FIG	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (International Gymnastics Federation)
FMG	Federación Mexicana de Gimnasia (Mexican Gymnastics Federation)
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany

FSFI	Fédération Sportive Féminine Internationale (International Women's Sport Federation)
FSGT	Fédération Sportive et Gymnique du Travail (Worker's Sport and Gymnastics Federation [France])
FST	Fédération Sportive du Travail (Worker's Sport Federation [France])
GDR	German Democratic Republic
IAAF	International Amateur Athletic Federation (International Athletics Federation)
IAPESGW	International Association of Physical Education and Sports for Girls and Women
ICP	International Code of Points (Gymnastics)
IF	International Federation
INSEP	Institut National du Sport, de l'Expertise et de la Performance (French National Institute of Sport, Expertise and Performance)
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IOCA	International Olympic Committee Archives
ISEF	Istituto Superiore di Educazione Fisica (Superior Institute of Physical Education, Italy)
ITU	International Triathlon Union
IUS	International Union of Shooting
LTSC	Ladies Tadpole Swimming Club
MDF	Mouvement Démocratique Féminin (Feminine Democratic Movement)
MJF	Ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports (Ministry of Sport, Côte d'Ivoire)
NGB	National Governing Body
NIC	Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports
NOC	National Olympic Committee
OISSU	Office Ivoirien des Sports Scolaires et Universitaires (Ivoirian School and University Sports Federation)
PAGU	Pan American Gymnastics Union
PDICI	Parti Démocratique de Côte d'Ivoire (Democratic Party of Côte d'Ivoire)
RDR	Rassemblement des Républicains (Rally of the Republicans, Côte d'Ivoire)
RG	Rhythmic Gymnastics
RSG	Rhythmic Sportive Gymnastics
SFA	Swiss Federal Archives
SFPR	Fédération suisse de tir au revolver et au pistolet (Swiss Federation of Pistol and Revolver Shooters)

SRMS	Société Suisse des Carabiniers (Swiss Riflemen Society)
SWMS	Damenmatchschützen (Swiss Women Match Shooting)
UCI	Union Cycliste Internationale (International Cycling Union)
UEFA	Union of European Football Associations
USGF	United States Gymnastics Federation
USSGT	Union des Sociétés Sportives et Gymniques du Travail (Union of Sport and Gymnastics Societies [France])
WAG	Women's Artistic Gymnastic
WTC	Women's Technical Committee (Gymnastics)

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